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AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: Mourners kneeling at the altar rail of the Roman Catholic church yesterday

St. Patrick's Makes Preparations for the Funeral

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Thousands of New Yorkers knelt in prayer for Robert F. Kennedy in St. Patrick's Cathedral yesterday as chancery officials and aides of the late Senator made hurried preparations for tomorrow's solemn requiem mass.

A spokesman for the Archdiocese of New York announced that the Senator's body would lie in state from 5:30 A.M. until 10 P.M. today and that this might be extended to a 24-hour period.

The coffin, which aides said would probably remain closed, will be on a purple-draped stand at head of the central aisle of the cathedral, where the body of the late Cardinal Spellman also lay in state six months ago.

Tens of thousands of relatives and friends of the Senator as well as the general public are expected to pass by in solemn tribute.

Funeral services will be held in the 110-year-old Gothic ca-

thedral tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The office of the Most Rev. Terence J. Cooke, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, said yesterday that he would be the chief concelebrant at the requiem mass, and that he would also deliver a eulogy.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, the Archbishop of Boston who is a close friend of the Kennedy family and who conducted the funeral for President Kennedy four and a half years ago, announced that he would preside at the mass and that he would also "preach a sermon."

In this capacity he will have the option of being a concelebrant or simply participating from the throne to the left of the white marble high altar.

Informed sources in Washington said that it was likely that President Johnson would also be among the worshipers.

Kennedy aides were busy yesterday drawing up an invitation lists for the funeral service. Only those with invitations will

be admitted to the cathedral, which will open at 8 A.M.

The list was being compiled in the office of Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach in Washington. Officials said that the invitations would be sent out by the Senator's New York office, which had not yet decided yesterday whether tickets would be printed.

Attendance was high at regular masses at the cathedral yesterday. Nearly 1,500 persons, including large numbers of shoppers laden with bundles, were present for the 5:30 P.M. service.

At 6:55 P.M. three chimes rang, and officials began emptying the cathedral in preparation for the arrival of the coffin several hours later. At the time, about 1,000 persons were still praying in the nave and at the 17 side altars. Almost all of the votive candles were lit.

Worshipers included a high proportion of Negroes and poor persons.

Mrs. Lonie Gay, a Negro woman in a green and yellow dress who is a private nurse, sat in a front pew and said, "I want to give him my deepest respect. I love that man."

James McManus, a Kennedy aide, set up temporary operations in the office of the Archdiocesan Building Commission and acted as liaison with chancery officials.

Decisions on most matters, including who would participate in the service and what prayers and readings would be included, could not be made, however, until New York campaign officials had had a chance to confer with Mrs. Kennedy and other members of the family.

Msgr. Thomas McGovern, a chancery spokesman, said that Leonard Bernstein, the conductor, was being consulted on musical arrangements. One possibility was that a small orchestra would be placed in the balcony at the rear of the cathedral.