

More Than 2,000 Are Invited to Attend

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Musical Program Arranged
by Bernstein—700 Will
Make Trip to Capital

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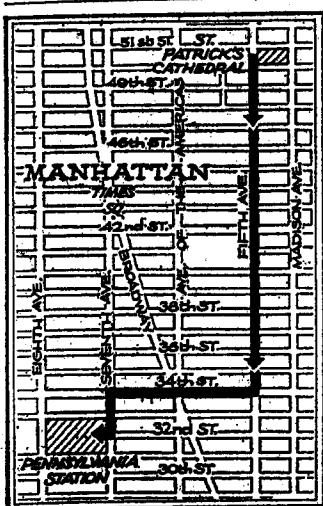
More than 2,000 relatives and friends of Senator Robert F. Kennedy will attend a solemn pontifical Mass of Requiem at 10 o'clock this morning at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Presiding at the service will be the representative of Pope Paul VI, Angelo Cardinal Dell'Acqua, the Pope's vicar for the City and District of Rome. In attendance will be representatives of government and personal representatives of chiefs of government of many countries.

In the liturgy and in a rich musical program on which Leonard Bernstein, the conductor, was consulted, the church will take joyful account of Senator Kennedy's witness to his Christian faith in a career of public service.

The supernatural aspects of his life and his death which, according to Roman Catholic belief marks, the beginning of his citizenship in the heavenly city, will be stressed to temper the sentiments of sorrow and mourning over his loss. The ritual will build up to the final blessing:

"May the angels take you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you on your



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Heavy lines mark route of the Kennedy funeral cortege from St. Patrick's today.

way; and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.

"May the choir of angels welcome you, and with Lazarus who once was poor may you have everlasting life."

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Requiem Mass for Kennedy

Chief concelebrant of the mass will be the Most Rev. Terence J. Cooke, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York. Other concelebrants, according to tentative arrangements still to be confirmed, will include Cardinal Cushing of Boston, a lifelong friend of the Senator and his family; Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and Msgr. William J. McCormack, director of the Archdiocesan Office for the Propagation of the Faith, a longtime friend of the Senator.

Space remaining in the cathedral, which seats 2,300, has been allotted to representatives of the news media.

Thousands of persons were expected to gather near the cathedral to follow the rites on radio and television.

The mass is expected to end at 11:30 A.M., when Archbishop Cooke and the officers of the mass, in procession, accompany the coffin to the church doors with a last blessing while the choir sings.

Seven hundred of the 2,000 at the funeral have been invited to accompany the coffin to Washington and participate in the service at the graveside in Arlington National Cemetery.

They will board buses at the cathedral and follow the funeral cortege as it proceeds slowly to Pennsylvania Station, arriving there shortly after noon. Plans for the motorcade called for it to move slowly to Pennsylvania Station by traveling south on Fifth Avenue to 34th Street, west on 34th Street to Seventh Avenue and then south on Seventh Avenue to 32d Street, and into Pennsylvania Station.

There the body will be placed on a 22-car train draped in funeral bunting.

After the guests have boarded, the train will leave at 12:30 P.M. for Washington. It will make no stops, except possibly to allow reporters to file dispatches and make broadcasts.

But there will be slowdowns in Newark, Trenton, Philadelphia, Wilmington and other places where there are crowds in acknowledgment of the public tributes of mourning.

The train is scheduled to arrive at Union Station in Washington at 4:40 P.M.

Most of the music for the mass was chosen by the Kennedy family, with Mrs. John F. Kennedy assisting in the selections and in helping Mr. Bernstein in coordinating the musical program.

Mr. Bernstein selected 30 members of the orchestra of the New York Philharmonic Society, mostly performers on the harp and other stringed instruments, to provide the orchestral selections. They will be ranged on the left side of the sanctuary behind the altar.

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