

In Televised Mass

Cardinal Cushing Eulogizes JFK, Extolls Courage of Mrs. Kennedy

BOSTON (UPI)—Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston said Sunday that "when men speak of this sad hour in times to come they will ever recall the courage of a frail beauty—Jacqueline Kennedy.

Cardinal Cushing, 68, "parish priest" of the Kennedy clan, eulogized the President and praised his widow in a nationally televised Mass.

The cardinal celebrated the Mass at the simple altar in the Boston Catholic Television Center before flying to Washington to preside at the President's funeral today.

His voice shaking with emotion, Cardinal Cushing said of the President: "Now, of a sudden, he has been taken from us and we shall not see his like again."

Qualities of Greatness

"I have been with him in joy and in sorrow, in decision and in crisis, among friends and with strangers and I know of no one who has combined in more noble perfection the qualities of greatness that marked his cool intelligence and brave heart."

"At his side, in understanding

and affection, has stood always his gracious and charming Jacqueline," he said.

"From wherever men look out in eternity to see the workings of our world, John Kennedy must beam with new pride in that valiant woman who shared his life even to the moment of its close. These hours must be more difficult for her than for any other, but providence has blessed her as few such women in history by allowing her hero husband to have the dying comfort of her arms."

Matched in Courage

"When men speak of this sad hour in times to come they will ever recall how well her frail beauty matched in courage the stalwart warrior who was her husband."

The cardinal praised the Kennedy family for its contributions to public service. "For several generations and in a variety of tasks, this republic on one level or another has been enriched by the blood that was so wantonly shed on Friday last," he said.

"It is a consolation for us all

to know that his death does not

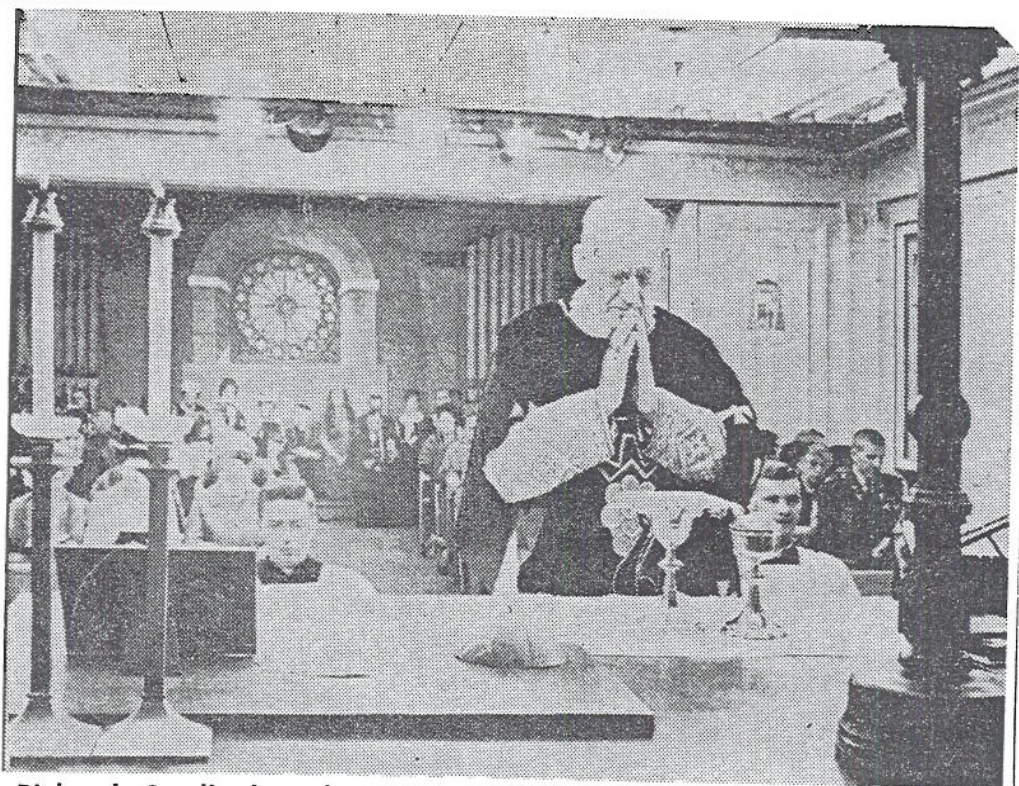
spell the end of this public service but commits to new responsibilities the energies and abilities of one of the truly great families of America."

Happy Family Life

He spoke also of the President as a family man who "took time to share with his son and daughter those few minutes that could be his."

"Who among us can forget those childish ways which, from time to time enhanced the elegance of the executive mansion with the touching scenes of a happy family life," he said.

The cardinal, who married the President and presided at the funeral last summer of his infant son Patrick Bouvier, turned and wept as he left the altar after saying: "Now, in the inscrutable ways of God, he has been summoned to an eternal life, beyond all striving, where everywhere is peace . . . We will miss him; he only waits for us in another place."



Richard Cardinal Cushing at Televised Mass for President Kennedy
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