

RELIGIOUS BEAUTY, SOLEMNITY MARK RITES FOR FATHER GAVISK

Burning Tapers, Somber-Robed Priests, Illuminated Cross Lend Spiritual Atmosphere as Bishop Pays Tribute at Pontifical Requiem High Mass to Dead Prelate's Life.

In a setting of religious beauty and impressive solemnity, Catholics and Protestants gathered Wednesday at St. John's church to pay their last farewell to a servant of humanity and God, Mgr. Francis H. Gavisk, vicar-general and chancellor of the Indianapolis diocese and pastor of St. John's Catholic church.

The burning tapers, the somber-robed priests, the odor of burning incense, the figures of the Virgin Mary, the illuminated cross and a faint light filtering through the stained-glass windows, combined to lend a further spiritual atmosphere to the great church.

The Rt. Rev. Joseph Chartrand, bishop of the Indianapolis diocese, pronounced the funeral sermon, in which he paid tribute to the life and work of Father Gavisk. He spoke of the beloved priest as living in two worlds, the spiritual and the material.

"His religion knew no distinction of color, creed or class," he said. "He believed in charity to his neighbor, to the downcast and the outcast, and they came to him because he lived in the light of that faith. He saw in individuals not only the reflection of Christ but Christ himself.

"God does not expect us to be perfect, but He does expect us to aim at the perfect. So Father Gavisk aimed. His ideals were the highest, the noblest and his work at the altar, in the pulpit, or as a father confessor; at the bed of the sick or dying; his service to the poor or downtrodden or in the community, was completely colored by the sanctity that crowned and glorified his life.

"Day by day, year by year, he wore himself out in the love of God and his

fellow-men. Last Saturday when the fragile bark of his soul set sail out into the beyond, he heard that same voice he heard years ago when a young man, that then said 'give up all thy worldly goods and follow me,' saying 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

Burial was in Holy Cross cemetery. The office of the dead was sung by the clergy choir directed by the Rev. Clement Bosler, assistant pastor of St. John's church. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Emanuel Ledvina, bishop of the Corpus Christi (Tex.) diocese, was celebrant at the pontifical requiem high mass at 10 a. m. Many leaders in the Catholic church assisted in the ceremonies. The church was crowded not only with members of the Catholic church but with Protestants who had known and loved the veteran priest who had taken such an active part in welfare and charity work of the city.

Father Gavisk died Saturday at St. Vincent's Hospital following an attack of bronchial-pneumonia. The body lay in state at the St. John's rectory and at the church, preceding the funeral services. Father Gavisk had been pastor at St. John's church for more than forty years.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU.
Indianapolis, October 26, 1932.

—Temperature—	
October 26, 1931.	October 26, 1932.
7 a. m. 45	7 a. m. 45
1 p. m. 62	1 p. m. 44
—Barometer—	
7 a. m. 29.80	
1 p. m. 29.84	

Indianapolis, Vicinity—Fair and slightly colder tonight with probably frost; fair and somewhat warmer Thursday.

Indiana—Fair, somewhat colder east; probably light frost tonight; generally fair Thursday, somewhat warmer south and central.

Ohio—Cloudy and colder with rain central and east tonight; much colder central