

## 8,000 PAY TRIBUTE AT QUINN SERVICES

Throng Overflowing St. Peter  
Claver Church Lines Streets  
at Brooklyn Rites for Priest

2,000 IN NEAR-BY BUILDING

Final Absolution Is Given by  
Bishop Molloy—The Career  
of Rector Is Eulogized

Eight thousand persons, according to police estimates, participated in funeral services yesterday morning for the Right Rev. Mgr. Bernard J. Quinn, rector of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Peter Claver, Jefferson Avenue and Claver Place, Brooklyn. He died on Sunday after an abdominal operation, at the age of 53.

The church itself, opened in 1922 as a pioneer mission for Negroes, was filled at an early hour and the handsome Institute building, across the street, established nine years ago, contained an additional 2,000 persons. The service was relayed there by means of an amplifying system. Crowds lined the sidewalks of Claver Place and on Jefferson Avenue as far as Franklin Avenue.

A majority of the mourners were Negroes, although the success of Mgr. Quinn's novenas in honor of St. Theresse of the Little Flower brought thousands of other persons from different parts of the city. A cortege of forty cars accompanied the body to St. Brigid's Church, Westbury, L. I., for burial. That was Mgr. Quinn's first parish assignment.

The Most Rev. Thomas E. Molloy, Bishop of Brooklyn, gave the final absolution. He was assisted by Mgr. Edmund J. Reilly, administrator of the Pro-Cathedral of St. James, who served as master of ceremonies. The Rev. Edward Sweeney, Professor of Moral Theology at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, L. I., celebrated the solemn requiem mass. The Rev. Edward Fitzgerald of Corpus Christi Church, Mineola, L. I., was deacon, and the Rev. Alphonse Richard, chaplain of the Catholic Seamen's Mission of Brooklyn, was sub-deacon.

The Rev. Raymond Campion, pastor of the Church of the Presentation, Brooklyn, delivered a eulogy in which he termed Mgr. Quinn a "shepherd for the flock of colored people who sought to combat the influence of communism among them." He recalled that St. Peter Claver, originally a Protestant church and then an express warehouse, was the first structure dedicated by Bishop Molloy.

Special Sessions Justice Myles A. Paige, a Negro, attended the service, as did State Transfer Tax Appraiser David F. Boden, Children's Court Justice John P. O'Brien, State Senator Edward Coughlin, Assistant District Attorney Clarence Wilson, and George E. Wilbican, confidential inspector on the Borough President's staff.

Youngsters from Boy Scout Troop 331, under Leonard Fretti, and Sea Scout Ship Barracuda, commanded by Edgar Souza, formed a guard of honor.