

# FATHER M'QUAIDE READY FOR DUTY IN THE PHILIPPINES.

\* R EV. Jos. P.  
 \* McQuaide,  
 \* assistant  
 \* rector of the  
 \* Church of the  
 \* Holy Cross, is  
 \* making all essen-  
 \* tial preparations  
 \* to leave for the  
 \* Philippine  
 \* islands, where he  
 \* has been assigned  
 \* for ecclesiastical  
 \* duty. He goes on  
 \* the City of Peru,  
 \* which is sched-  
 \* uled to clear on  
 \* December 15th.

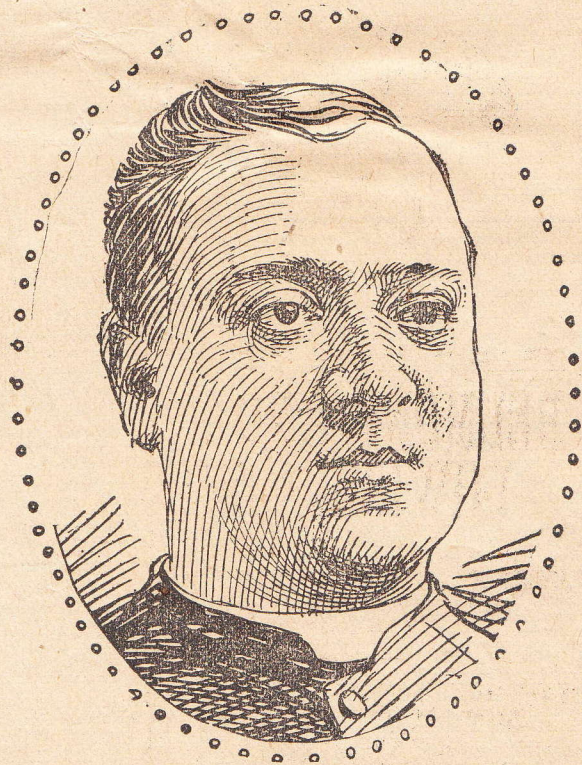
\* Last Monday  
 \* morning Arch-  
 \* bishop Riordan  
 \* requested the  
 \* young clergyman  
 \* to meet him at his  
 \* office in the epis-  
 \* copal residence.  
 \* He there ex-  
 \* plained to him the  
 \* demand in the  
 \* Philippines for a  
 \* spiritual worker,  
 \* and Father Mc-  
 \* Quaide responded  
 \* by volunteering  
 \* his services. He  
 \* immediately re-  
 \* ceived his com-

\* mission and will go as a representative from the Archiepiscopal see of San  
 \* Francisco, taking with him letters from Archbishop Riordan to Archbishop  
 \* J. Bernardino Nozaleda de Villa, O. P., of the Philippine islands, under whose  
 \* jurisdiction he will place himself immediately on arriving.

\* Father Joseph P. McQuaide was born in Boston, Mass., and came to this  
 \* Coast with his parents in his infancy. He is a graduate of Sacred Heart Col-  
 \* lege, on Larkin and Eddy streets, and of the Jesuit College of Santa Clara.  
 \* After finishing his studies here he went on to St. Mary's Seminary, Balti-  
 \* more, where he pursued his theological course. At its conclusion he returned  
 \* to this State and was here ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Riordan  
 \* in St. Mary's Cathedral. It is seven years ago since his ordination, and  
 \* five of those years have been spent in the service of the altar and of the con-  
 \* gregation of Holy Cross parish, where he has endeared himself to the people,  
 \* who will receive with sorrowing hearts the announcement of his intended  
 \* early departure.

\* In speaking yesterday of the new duties that have suddenly come, he said:  
 \* "I look forward with pleasure to entering upon the new responsibilities the  
 \* Archbishop has called upon me to meet. I can see in the islands an immense  
 \* field of labor and splendid possibilities. Many of those composing the First  
 \* Regiment, California Volunteers, were classmates or boyhood friends of mine,  
 \* and I am convinced that I will have an excellent opportunity to work among  
 \* them for their spiritual and moral strengthening, as I go to them as a friend  
 \* and companion. I will be an American priest among American men and sol-  
 \* diers, and feel assured that I can aid Father McKinnon materially in his ex-  
 \* tensive and hard-pressing duties on the field and in the hospitals."

\* Father McQuaide will retain his residence at the parochial house of the  
 \* Holy Cross parish, 1820 Eddy street, until he sets sail for his new field of labor.



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
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June 17, 1925.

Most Reverend E. J. Hanna-DD,  
Archbishop Diocese of San Fran-  
cisco, 1100 Franklin Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Your Grace:-

Almost one year ago, Father Joseph P. McQuaide, a priest of your church, and the Chaplain of the 250th Regiment, Coast Artillery, California National Guard, passed from this earth.

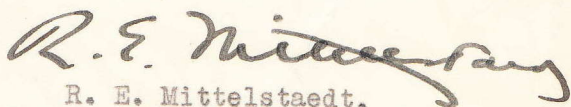
As you know Father McQuaide was held in very high respect in the community. Moreover he was greatly loved by all the officers and enlisted men of his regiment to whom he was always a great inspiration.

It was conceived by the comrades of Chaplain McQuaide to erect a plaque, in the State Armory, as a fitting remembrance to him. This plaque has been purchased by small contributions received from the men throughout the regiment and it is to be unveiled with fitting ceremonies on the evening of June 25, 1925 at the State Armory, 14th & Mission Street, San Francisco, California.

Besides the military, at this ceremony, it is intended that the community be represented by representative citizen. With this in view you are urgently requested to either lend your personal presence on that night or, if this is impossible, to send a representative.

Will you please reply as to whether or not the above invitation can be accepted.

Very truly yours,

  
R. E. Mittelstaedt,  
The Adjutant General.

## CALIFORNIA'S FIRST STATE CHAPLAIN REVEREND JOSEPH P. McQUAIDE, 1867-1924

Great in the affairs of both church and state was Reverend Joseph P. McQuaide, first State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in California. He departed this life on March 29, 1924, leaving behind a monument living in the hearts of those he had served so well.

? → Joseph P. McQuaide was born in Benicia, California, on July 5, 1867. By his parents at a tender age he was taken to San Francisco and raised there.

The family home was in the North Beach District and his parish was St. Francis. His first school was the Washington Grammar. Later he attended Sacred Heart High School. Thereafter he entered Santa Clara College from which he received in 1887 the degree of Bachelor of Science and in 1888 that of Bachelor of Arts. Feeling a call to the priesthood he was adopted as a student for the archdiocese and attended in Baltimore, St. Mary's Seminary. On February 25, 1892, he was ordained in St. Mary's Cathedral, and shortly thereafter offered his first Solemn High Mass in St. Francis Church.

Assistant Pastor of St. Raphael's Church in San Rafael coupled with the Chaplaincy of San Quentin Prison was Father McQuaide's first priestly assignment. Two years later he was transferred to Holy Cross Church in San Francisco, where his Pastor, was Reverend John F. McGinty who had trained him as an altar boy in St. Francis years before. His tenure at Holy Cross was a little more than four years. Then the war with Spain broke out and he was commissioned a chaplain in the First California Volunteers. On December 15, 1898, he sailed from San Francisco with his outfit to Manila. His record as a chaplain was valiant. He ministered bravely in battle and also to the many civilians and soldiers who were afflicted by the smallpox epidemic in Manila.

1906 he was chairman of the Knights of Columbus Relief Committee in connection with the San Francisco earthquake and fire. In 1908 he was assigned by Archbishop Riordan to campaign for the amendment to the California Constitution which exempted places of worship from taxation. This carried successfully. Later he brought the Helpers of the Holy Souls to San Francisco and established their convent within his parish. On the civic side he went to Washington, D.C. in 1912 as part of a San Francisco delegation requesting the Congress to assign the Panama Pacific International Exposition to San Francisco. In recognition for this service he was made one of the Commissioners of the exposition.

He was active in establishing in San Francisco the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was at one time Grand Chaplain of the Young Men's Institute. He held membership also in San Francisco Lodge of Elks, the Washington Grammar School Association, and Richter-McKinnon Camp No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans.

Following his retirement Father McQuaide visited the Orient and shortly thereafter published a book, *With Christ in China*. In his later years he displayed a great interest in the foreign missions; and to Maryknoll he gave generously the purse presented him on the occasion of his silver jubilee.

Returning to the diocese in 1900 at age thirty-three, Archbishop Riordan appointed Father McQuaide to found the new parish of Holy Redeemer in San Francisco. This he did with dispatch. In fact the church built by him, although enlarged, still is being used. In 1905 he was promoted to the larger and older parish of Sacred Heart. This was the field of his labors for seventeen years until because of ill health in 1922 he resigned.

It was while Father Joe, as he affectionately was called, was still Pastor of Holy Redeemer, that San Francisco Council No. 615, on January 19, 1902 was instituted. With the approval of the Archbishop he became its first Chaplain. In May 1903 he was sent as a delegate to the meeting of the first State Council and thereat elected State Chaplain. To this office he successively was re-elected serving five terms in all and until 1908. On May 1, 1904, he became Chaplain of California Council No. 880 and retained his membership until his death.

In 1917 after the United States had entered the World War, Chaplain McQuaide, now in his fiftieth year, sought active duty and was assigned as Chaplain of the 62nd Artillery, California Volunteers. He returned to his pastorate after the armistice was signed, possessor of a Distinguished Service Medal.

Within the Knights of Columbus as well as on the outside Father McQuaide was dedicated to the ideal of service for humanity. In

as a priest. Early March 1924 found Father McQuaide in Los Angeles, where he was attacked by acute appendicitis. In the meantime, he had been suffering from a dilated heart. Fearful of the consequences the doctors were unable to operate. Finally his heart weakened, and he died on March 29th. His body was brought back to San Francisco. Accompanying it was his old friend, Past State Deputy Joseph Scott. When the train arrived at the Southern Pacific Depot a procession to the Cathedral was formed. A special delegation from San Francisco Council No. 615 was on hand to honor their first chaplain. The members of his own council, California No. 880, also marched, as did representative of various military organizations and the concourse was led by the mounted police.

In the Cathedral of St. Mary in which thirty-two years before he had been ordained, the body of Father McQuaide lay in state until the hour of the funeral. Many tributes were paid to his memory. The following is from Major General Charles G. Morton, then commanding the Ninth Corps Area:

Many of us oldtimers have known him for years and not only as a friend our ours, but as a whole-souled, public-spirited man with a wonderfully kind and attractive personality. His loss is not only a loss to your faith and church, but a loss for us all.

A tower of strength to the Knights of Columbus in California was its first council chaplain, and State Chaplain, Reverend Joseph P. McQuaide.

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*Died in L.A.  
March 29, 1924*

Most Reverend Merlin J. Guilfoyle, V.G.  
Chancery Office  
1445 Church Street  
San Francisco 14, California

Most Reverend and dear Bishop Guilfoyle,

On August 12th I acknowledged your letter of August 7th, advising that I would search out the birthplace of Father Joseph P. McQuaide and write you later.

You will recall that in my article on Father McQuaide I stated that he was born in Benicia, California, on July 5, 1867 and you advised that a card in the Chancery Office showed Boston, July 5, 1867. My article is incorrect as to both date and place, and the Chancery record correct as to place but apparently erroneous as to year.

Father McQuaide was not born in Benicia. My error comes from the Monitor of April 5, 1924 which reported his death and stated that he had been born in Benicia. I believe that Father McQuaide's mother lived in Benicia and that after he retired from the Pastorate of Sacred Heart Church, he had gone up there to live with her. I was present at his funeral (I had no college classes that morning). I recall the eulogy by Monsignor Joseph M. Gleason who very beautifully developed the thought that worn out and in ill health, he had resigned his parish and had gone back to regain it, in a life of quiet retirement, with the mother whose body had nurtured him into the world.

Father McQuaide died in St. Vincent's Hospital, Los Angeles. The death certificate shows that the biographical data was supplied by the attending physician who also attested the cause of death. As Father McQuaide's relatives live up in the north, it is not surprising that the doctor attended to the historical portion of the certificate. Dr. McDonnell, however, undoubtedly wrote from information which Father McQuaide had given when he entered the hospital. The certificate shows Massachusetts as the place of birth, and the date March 29, 1868. I believe that as the date of death was March 29, 1924, that day got carried over to the biographical portion of the certificate.

From St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, I learned that Father McQuaide was baptized in Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston, on July 15, 1866 and that he was born on July 5, 1866.

As there was a discrepancy as to the year, I wrote directly to the Cathedral and the exact entry in the register has been certified by Monsignor Finnegan, Assistant Chancellor. It reads as follows:

July 15th, I baptized Patrick of Arthur McQuade and Mary Ferguson born 5th, 1866.

Sponsors     Felix Leonard  
                  Mary McQuade  
                  Rev. Hilary Tucker

Monsignor Finnegan writes the following comment:

Please note the difference in the first name. It is probably the correct record as there are no other McQuade records in that period.

I had asked the Cathedral to check 1866, 1867 and 1868. The certificate in the seminary also refers to the infant as Patrick. And the spelling of McQuaide is noted.

From this I believe that we can conclude that Father McQuaide was born in Boston and probably in the Cathedral parish. It would appear also that he was born a year earlier than the chancery records in San Francisco indicate.

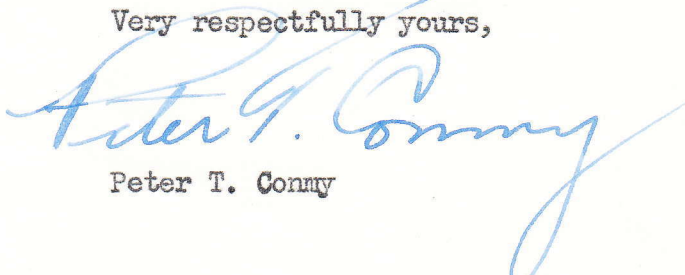
St. Mary's Seminary has no record of the parish in San Francisco from which Father McQuaide entered; nor, where he made his earlier studies. As a matter of fact he received the A.B. degree from Santa Clara in 1888, at age 22, and was ordained four years later. Apparently some adjustment was made with regard to his philosophy period, and he was admitted directly to theology. At any rate my investigations tend to prove (1) that he was born in 1866, and, (2) was born in Boston.

When I undertook to write the article in the Golden State Bulletin, I thought that information would be obtained easily. I was appalled at the dearth of material on one who had been so very popular and beloved.

If in the future I find out more on Father McQuaide, I shall let you know.

With kind regards, I remain

Very respectfully yours,



Peter T. Conroy