



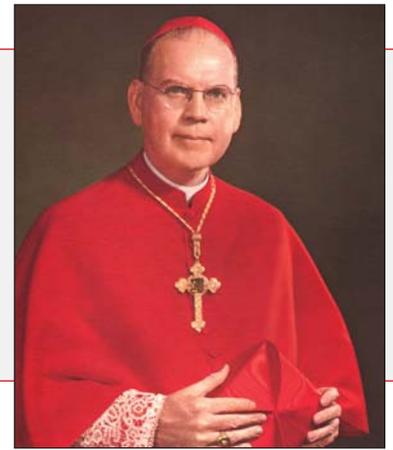
# THE CARDINAL COOKE GUILD

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## A message from the Vice Postulator

*Dear Friends of the Guild,*

I have been remiss in writing for this newsletter. I had every intention of writing back in December and January but time got away from me. I am aware that the members of the Guild and others rely on the newsletter for information and I regret that it has been so long. That being said, I have several items to report.

The Cardinal Cooke Guild and the Advisory Board were saddened by the sudden death of Joan Maguire in December. Joan was a steady, reliable presence in the office of the Guild, assisting Silvia Izaguirre every day. Her presence and diligence are sorely missed. She was very devoted to the Cause of Cardinal Cooke.

The Mass sponsored by the Guild for the Christmas gathering at St. John the Evangelist Church in December came to be celebrated as Joan's funeral Mass. It was joyful and sad at the same time, as funerals often are. As celebrant and homilist, I sought to remind those present of our need to be focused on the things of heaven, as Cardinal Cooke was, and as Joan and the Guild are all throughout the year. Our prayer is that Cardinal Cooke will be recognized as a Saint in heaven by the Church, and that one day we shall all be saints as well. May Cardinal Cooke, Joan Maguire and all of our deceased loved ones rest in the



*Msgr. Joseph Giandurco celebrates Mass for the Guild on March 1, 2013, the 92nd birthday of Cardinal Cooke.*



*Patricia Cooke Sica, on right, and other family members visit the crypt in St. Patrick's Cathedral after after October Memorial Mass for Cardinal Cooke.*



*Four Msgrs. – Msgr. Peter G. Finn, Msgr. Douglas J. Mathers, Msgr. Joseph Giandurco and Msgr. Ferdinando D. Berardi joined the Guild members for the October Memorial Mass.*

peace of Christ.

Though we are saddened, the work of the Guild continues. There are many inquiries that come from different parts of the world about Cardinal Cooke and the Guild happily responds. We all hope that the Cause will advance under the new pope and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We have just recently celebrated the Mass on the occasion of the 92nd anniversary of Cardinal Cooke's birth. As homilist at the March 1st Mass, again at St. John the Evangelist Church, I mentioned that we marked our Lenten journey on a First Friday in March and we were awaiting a new pope. Those times when the See of St. Peter is vacant (Sede vacante) are usually dramatic and this time, with the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, was no exception. I recalled Cardinal Cooke visiting Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains when I was a senior there in 1978. The Cardinal had planned to speak to students about his experience in the conclave to elect Pope John Paul I, but found himself unexpectedly set to return to Rome after the death of the same pope after only thirty three day in office. The Cardinal reminded us that God's ways are not our ways and we had to trust in God's guidance and help. He prayed God's Will Be Done, which was his episcopal motto.

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# The Cardinal Cooke Guild Remembers... Joan Maguire

Joan Maguire, a longtime volunteer with the Cardinal Cooke Guild who was a past president and board member of the Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of New York, died Nov. 29, 2012 at her home in Manhattan. She was 82.

She served as president of the Ladies of Charity, 1997-2000. The Ladies of Charity operates under the auspices of Archdiocesan Catholic Charities. She volunteered daily for years with the Cardinal Cooke Guild.

Born in Queens, she was the executive assistant to the chairman of Borden Inc., the dairy and food products company, for 47 years beginning in 1947.

A Funeral Mass was offered Dec. 13 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Manhattan. Joan's nephew John Maguire offered the eulogy for his aunt.

Aunt Joan was many things to many people. To our family she was a devoted daughter and my father's younger sister. She was an aunt to me and my three brothers and sister, a great aunt to our children, and a great-great aunt to my brother's five grandchildren, and there are two more on the way, whom she won't get a chance to know. Amazingly, in all my fifty-four years she never once forgot a birthday or Christmas; she would remember each and every one of her twenty-four nieces and nephews with a card and a Christmas present. She had a type of devotion to all of her family that you don't often see today.

Some of you may not have known, but my grandfather, Aunt Joan's father passed away in 1960 and Aunt Joan stayed and lived with my grandmother and took care of her until her passing in 1985. As my brother CJ has pointed out to a number of you over the past few days, we grew up on the West Coast before Skype and Facetime and all the other technology we have today. As a result, our memories of Aunt Joan were brief telephone conversations on Christmas and Thanksgiving and birthdays – and, of course, the birthday and Christmas cards. For a few months in 1966 our family came back to New York, so we got to spend time with Grandma and Aunt Joan. Something many of you may not know and something I learned at the time, is that Aunt

Joan loved ice skating and the circus. Yes, the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey Circus. Yes, while some people's first memory of Madison Square Garden



Silvia Izaguirre, Joan Maguire and Patricia Handal who worked closely together at the Cardinal Cooke Guild for many years.



Joan Maguire

is of the Knicks or the Rangers, mine is actually of the circus. Aunt Joan would take my brothers and sister and me to the circus and to the back area, where you could see the elephants and lions and tigers. Maybe not surprisingly, I still love the circus today.

Returning to the east coast in 1988 gave me the chance to visit Aunt Joan more, and, in particular, where she worked—Borden, Inc.—yes, the home of Elsie the Cow! I never knew how long Aunt Joan worked there until I had to look for some papers and discovered that she started with them in 1947 and retired in 1994—almost fifty years with the same company. I know Aunt Joan was proud of working there and took great pride in introducing us to her boss, the CEO of Borden. That devotion to one company is not very common these days.

As I said, moving to New York allowed me to start getting together with Aunt Joan more regularly and to get to know

her better. The one thing that was a constant in all my discussions with her was her work with the Cardinal Cooke Guild. She was so proud of the work the Guild was doing. She would tell me about all the paper work that needed to be done and sent to Rome. The detail necessary to put together the canonization request and the history involved fascinated Aunt Joan, and she reveled in telling me about it, along with a few of the frustrating moments – but we won't get into that.

In awarding Cardinal Cooke the Medal of Freedom posthumously, President Reagan noted that Cardinal Cooke “inspired his countrymen with his dedication to his Church, devotion to his flock, and service to his country.” In many respects the same can be said of Aunt Joan. She loved the Church and was dedicated to the Guild and the work it was doing to support the canonization request to the point that, in many ways, the Guild became her family. She was devoted to all her families, the Maguire family, the Borden family and her volunteer families – the Ladies of Charity, the Cardinal Cooke Guild, and the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

In closing, I'd like to read a poem that I think sums up how Aunt Joan would want us to remember her:

*You can shed tears that she is gone or you can smile that she has lived.*

*You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back or you can open your eyes and see all that she's left.*

*Your heart can be empty because you can't see her or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember her and only that she's gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back or you can do what she'd want: smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

Goodbye, Aunt Joan – we will miss you and your birthday cards and Christmas presents. Say hello to Pops . . .

# The Cardinal Cooke Guild Remembers... Dorothea McElduff



*Dorothea McElduff with Cardinal Dolan*

Dorothea A. McElduff, a long-time member of the Guild and president of the Ladies of Charity of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, died Jan. 27, 2013. She was 86.

Miss McElduff was also a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre and a Dame of Malta as well as a member of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Manhattan Church Women and a board member of Marion Woods, a residence for retired women religious in Hartsdale.

A Funeral Mass was offered at Guardian Angel Church in Manhattan. We ask for your prayers for the repose of her soul.

## The founding of the Cardinal Cooke Guild

On October 6th, 2013 we will commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of the death of Terence Cardinal Cooke. But as that date approaches, so does another less obvious three-decade milestone, that of the founding of the Cardinal Cooke Guild. It may be hard to believe that we've been at work for quite that long. Yet as we look back we should be proud of what the Guild has accomplished and of how far it has come since its first days—when it had a membership of one. That “one” of course was Mother Mary Aloysius McBride, O. Carm., our first coordinator, a woman so convinced of the sanctity of Cardinal Cooke that she was willing to devote her life to working for his canonization. She began with nothing. That nothing soon became a shoebox containing index cards on which were the carefully handwritten names and addresses of new members. With Father Benedict Groeschel, CFR, the cause's Diocesan Postulator, Mother Aloysius traveled throughout the Archdiocese of New York, teaching about Cardinal Cooke until the shoebox overflowed and became a filing cabinet. Soon the Guild needed an office, and so with John Cardinal O'Connor's blessing one was found for us among the many agencies of the Archdiocese of New York.

The ensuing years were busy, with the Guild welcoming new members from throughout the country, from Ireland and England, from Germany and South America. In the beginning we received a trickle of prayer requests from those who hoped that Terence Cooke could be their “friend in the presence of God.” The trickle soon became a stream that



*Mother Aloysius with some of the Guild's first volunteers.*



*Mother Aloysius working in the Guild office beneath a painting of Cardinal Cooke.*



*Cardinal John O'Connor and Mother Aloysius at the Cardinal's residence on the day of the Cardinal Cooke Guild's founding.*

has never abated.

In 2000 Mother Aloysius had to retire because of ill health and the Guild could easily have foundered. Patricia Handal, however, consented to become our second Coordinator, and under her leadership we managed to organize what only seemed to be an overwhelming amount of material to be sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican. For months our office was piled high with paper that detailed every aspect of the life of Cardinal Cooke. We learned the computer skills needed to catalogue it all. We became expert at scanning and preserving documents, and we worked until finally the material was ready to go to Rome—in twenty-three very large black boxes.

It is hard to count the people have given their talent and their efforts to the Cause of Canonization of Terence Cooke over the last quarter century. And as we look back we realize that many who were essential to the advancement of the cause have gone home to God, including Monsignor Charles McManus, our Episcopal Delegate, Monsignor John Harrington, our Promoter of Justice, and our beloved Mother Aloysius. Some have become too elderly or ill to support us in any way except through their prayers, including Sister Marie Magdalena Angerame, OSF, our archivist and Father Benedict Groeschel. Although some of the faces may be different now, the work of the Guild continues into the next quarter century, for we are more convinced than ever that Terence Cooke is truly a saint, and we still believe that the world should know it.



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### *A Message from the Vice Postulator*

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In all things and at all times, we pray the same prayer;  
Thy Will Be Done.

Whether it be for the election of a new pope, for the eternal rest of loved ones or the process of Beatification and Canonization of Terence Cardinal Cooke, we must have the same trust in Gods' guidance.

God's ways are not our ways, His time is not our time, but He is with us always. Our faith and hope are in the promises that Jesus made.

Hope to see you at the October 7, 2013 1:00pm Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the 30th Anniversary of Cardinal Cooke's death.

God Bless.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Monsignor Joseph R. Giandurco  
Vice Postulator

### *Cardinal Cooke Prayer*

Gentle Servant of God, Terence Cooke, lend your strength to my prayers. Be my friend in the presence of God, Intercede for me, and obtain from the Lord all the graces and favors that I need, especially (here make your request). With Jesus and Mary you prayed, "Your will be done." Help me to make this prayer and to accept God's merciful and loving will in all things. I ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

*This text is not an official prayer of the Church; however, it is being used by those seeking special grace through the intercession of Cardinal Cooke.*

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday, October 7, 2013**

Memorial Mass in commemoration for  
the 30th Anniversary of Cardinal Cooke's  
entrance into eternal life.

**St. Patrick's Cathedral 1 pm**