

AT NEWS OF FATHER VINCENT'S
DEATH

*Apostolic Delegation,
London, S.W.19.*

June 18th, 1943.

MY DEAR FATHER PROVINCIAL,

Please accept my deep sympathy on the death of Father Vincent McNabb, who worked so zealously and ably for the Church of God in this land, and whose apostolic devotion and priestly life have won such admiration on all sides. May God rest his soul.

I grieve with you and the Province and I cordially bless you all as Delegate of His Holiness; asking your prayers,

Yours

W. GODFREY,
Apostolic Delegate.

*Bishop's House,
London, S.E.1.*

June 18th, 1943.

MY DEAR PROVINCIAL,

I must write to condole with you on the death of Father Vincent McNabb. He is a great loss to your Order, but also to the Catholic Church. He was an exemplary priest and he has done a magnificent work. He did good even by his eccentricities, because one felt that he always had the glory of God at heart. I shall join with you in praying for him. May he rest in peace.

Wishing you every grace and blessing,

Yours

✠ PETER
Archbishop, Bishop of Southwark.

*The Palace,
Chichester.*

June 18th, 1943.

DEAR FATHER PRIOR,

I want to send you an expression of deep sympathy at the death of Father Vincent McNabb. It must be a sympathy mingled with

rejoicing and gratitude at such a life given so whole-heartedly to Christ and His Church. What a marvellous spirit he had; what an inspiration to be in his company, and read what he wrote, and to receive his letters. I remember so well his visit to Chichester, now alas! a few years ago. He did from time to time write to me in the kindest of terms.

I know how ardent was his faith, and how passionate his desire for Christian unity. We can ill afford to part with the physical presence of such priests. But the work he has done and the work he has yet to do, living still, must by God's grace further the cause he had so much at heart.

Yours

GEORGE CICESTR.

Wimbledon,
S.W.20.

June 18th, 1943.

MY DEAR FATHER DELANY,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Public Morality Council, as well as my own, I wish to send you and the Community our very deep sympathy at the death of Father McNabb.

At the meeting of the Committee yesterday, the Bishop of London expressed the regret that we all felt, but as he had only met Father McNabb once, on the occasion when they both spoke in Hyde Park, he would ask the Rev. Mr. Kendall to add a few words. Mr. Kendall (a Methodist clergyman) spoke from eighteen years' experience of Father McNabb and his great Christian influence and his fine example. An Anglican Vicar, the Rev. Shephard Smith, added another tribute, and the Committee stood for a minute in remembrance of Father McNabb

My personal acquaintance with Father McNabb goes back some twelve or fourteen years, when I presided at a lecture he delivered in the Dome at Brighton under the auspices of the C.I.S. I noticed that the audience while very interested were to a considerable extent non-Catholic, attracted no doubt by his personality and eloquence.

Yours

T. F. MOLONY.

(As well as this tribute of one of its Vice-Chairmen, Sir Thomas Molony, the Public Morality Council also wrote through its General Secretary, Mr. George Tomlinson.)