Mrs. Evelyn Gonzales Dies; Ladies of Charity Official
Bishop Dargin Presides at Requiem Mass for Former N. Y. Assistant District Attorney

Mrs. Evelyn Quinlan Gonzalez, former Assistant District Attorney of New York County and an active Catholic laywoman, died on Sunday, Aug. 8, at Francis Delafield Hospital following a long illness. She was 64 years of age.

The Most Rev. Edward V. Dargin, Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop of New York, presided at the Solemn Requiem Mass offered in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday morning, as the representative of His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman. The celebrant was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Aloysius C. Dineen, P.A., pastor of the Church of St. Agnes, Manhattan, assisted by the Rev. Charles J. McManus of St. Patrick's Cathedral, as deacon, and the Rev. Michael J. Deacy, also of St. Patrick's, as sub-deacon. Among those present at the Mass was a large group of nuns, representing the various religious communities serving in the Archdiocese of New York. Members of the board of the Ladies of Charity also were present.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Gonzalez attended Holy Cross Academy in New York City. Following graduation she studied Home Economics at Grace Institute in New York and then took post graduate work and extension courses in Home Economics at Teachers College of Columbia University. At the completion of her work she entered Cornell University where she studied Social Service and continued her studies in that subject at Fordham University. During the first World War she was among the first group of women to take courses in Army Cooking. She also did social service work at the Children's Court in the City of New York and among the Spanish speaking people of the City.

Graduate of Fordham
In 1928, Mrs. Gonzalez graduated from the Fordham University School of Law and in the same year passed her examinations and was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York. Two years after her graduation Judge Thomas C. T. Crain, District Attorney of New York County appointed her assistant district attorney, in which post she directed the Bureau of Investigation and Complaint and the Racket Bureau. In 1933, she resigned her position as an Assistant District Attorney to accompany her husband, Dr. Antonio C. Gonzalez, who had been appointed the United States Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Panama, and thereafter Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Ecuador and then to Venezuela.

In Central and South America, Mrs. Gonzalez served on many boards as a consultant to government authorities trying to organize hospitals, schools and children's courts. She also helped bring relief and aid to Latin Americans made homeless by the tidal wave in Honduras and El Salvador in 1934 and by the earthquake in Colombia in 1937.

Organized Venezuelan Aid
In 1939, at the request of the President of Venezuela, the deceased organized the first Social Service Commission from the United States for a meeting in Venezuela consisting of 22 American experts in the fields of Social Service. She served as a delegate on this Commission and

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participated actively in the work and meetings held in Caracas, Venezuela, concerning the problems of that country.

When she returned to New York in 1940, Mrs. Gonzalez was appointed by the then Gov. Herbert H. Lehman to serve as a member of the Commission of Correction. In that capacity, she visited prisons and reformatories as well as county and village jails throughout the State, conducting investigations on matters affecting inmates and institutions.

It was while she was serving on that commission that the New York State Probation Commission named her in 1941 to serve on a joint group to draft plans for the reorganization of the probation system in New York City. The group was under the chairmanship of Samuel Seabury.

Represented Puerto Ricans

For more than two decades, Mrs. Gonzalez was a volunteer social service worker among the Puerto Rican people of New York. As a member of the Catholic Big Sisters Organization, she represented the interests of the Puerto Ricans before several New York courts. Recently, she had devoted herself to matters relating to the narcotics problem among teen-agers.

During this period at the request of Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, and of the Most Rev. J. Francis McIntyre, now Archbishop of Los Angeles, and then Auxiliary Bishop of New York, Mrs. Gonzalez did public relations work for the new Convalescent Home at Rhinebeck, New York, and in that capacity was able to place many undernourished and sick little boys at that Home.

Mrs. Gonzalez received two honorary degrees: a Doctor of Laws degree from Fordham University in 1930, and a Doctor of Humane Letters from Mount St. Vincent College in 1936. In the latter year Pope Pius XI bestowed the Medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice on her for her outstanding work as a Catholic laywoman.

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