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By Massiani  
(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)



RT. REV. THOMAS F. HICKEY, D. D.

## Made Titular Archbishop In Recognition Of Distinguished Service To Church— Msgr. O'Hern Administrator

The Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey has resigned as Bishop of Rochester, and has been promoted to the titular Archbishop of Viminacium.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. Francis O'Hern, Vicar General of the Diocese, has been appointed Apostolic Administrator during the vacancy of the See.

Bishop Hickey resigned his See because of serious illness, from which he has suffered for a year. His elevation to the rank of titular archbishop is hailed as a signal honor conferred upon him by the Holy See in recognition of his service in this diocese.

### Became Bishop In 1905

Born in Rochester, February 4, 1861, Bishop Hickey was educated at St. Mary's parochial school, St. Andrew's Seminary and St. Joseph's Provincial Seminary, Troy, N. Y., from which he was graduated with high honors. He was ordained to the priesthood on March 25, 1884, and after serving in parishes in Geneva and Moravia, New York was appointed chaplain of the State Industrial School in 1895; and in 1898 was appointed rector of the cathedral. He was made Vicar General in June, 1900.

On May 24, 1905, he was consecrated Coadjutor Bishop of Rochester and Titular Bishop of Berenice. He became the second Bishop of Rochester on January 18, 1909.

On the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of his consecration Bishop Hickey was appointed an Assistant to the Pontifical Throne. This added honor was given him, it was said at the time, in recognition of the fact that he was the senior bishop of the ecclesiastical Province and that he maintained the active interest which his predecessor had manifested in the cause of Catholic education. An evidence of this interest was the new Aquinas Institute, a Catholic high school for boys which represented an investment of \$1,000,000.

### Famed As An Orator.

The Bishop's deep interest in the charitable and welfare agencies of his diocese is strikingly reflected in a statement concerning these agencies made in 1922.

"I regard," he said, "the direction of an institution or relief work as an auxiliary bishop or a priest, who will succeed Bishop Hickey as spiritual head of this diocese, will be equipped properly that the work thus entailed may be performed."

In his Lenten pastoral of 1927, Bishop Hickey importuned Catholic parents to exercise more care in rearing their children. He deplored the lack of earnestness given to things spiritual by the youth of America, which in the case of many young women he attributed to immorality in dress, trashy literature, salacious plays and cigarette smoking.

Bishop Hickey was also famed as a speaker, being considered by many as the "ideal type of pulpit orator."

Msgr. O'Hern's Service to Church  
Monsignor O'Hern, who is 54 years old, was educated at St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, and the North American College, Rome, where he made a distinguished record. He was ordained in Rome in February, 1901.

Returning to the United States, the young priest's first assignment was in Auburn, N. Y., but he was later called to Rochester as assistant at the Cathedral. When Bishop Hickey succeeded to the See of Rochester, Father O'Hern succeeded him as rector of the cathedral. He later became Vicar General of the diocese and pastor of Corpus Christi church. He was made a Monsignor while in Rome on a visit with Bishop Hickey.

Friends of Monsignor O'Hern declare him to be a firm believer in the value of the Catholic press. They point to the fact that despite the tremendous demands made upon his time as pastor of Corpus Christi church and Vicar General of the See, he manages to publish each week the Corpus Christi Bulletin, which enjoys a wide circulation in the city of Rochester.

Selection of Bishop Hickey, as the second bishop of Rochester was made at the request of and upon the recommendation of the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, but in recent years the church authorities in Rome have followed the policy of appointing American bishops by selection of one outside of the diocese affected and it is generally believed by the Rochester clergy that the prelate, whether a bishop already in the diocese or an auxiliary bishop or a priest, who will succeed Bishop Hickey as spiritual head of this diocese, will be equipped properly that the work thus entailed may be performed."

Dublin, Oct. 23.—Following his refusal to become leader of a so-called "Catholic Party" in the Northern Parliament, which could never hope to outvote or even equal the numbers of the Orange Majority, and which would only provoke sectarian bitterness, Mr. Devlin was challenged by the "Northern Whig" Newspaper, to quote a single instance in which the Catholics of the North had suffered injustice.

The following are the main points of Mr. Devlin's reply:

"I repeat the statements I made on July the 9th, that in the entire Senate there is not a single representative of the numerically powerful Catholic minority; in the Judiciary there is not a single member of the prescribed and penalized creed; on the Grand Juries, hardly a Catholic, even by accident, has been permitted to have a seat; and on the Regional Educational Committees, the minority have scarcely more than two per cent of the representatives such as Derry City, Fermanagh and Tyrone, where Catholics are in a definite majority."

"It is not long," added Mr. Devlin, "since a leading Belfast mouthpiece of Lord Craigavon's Government, gleefully proclaimed that the Catholics and Nationalists of the Six Counties, numbering according to the latest census returns, four hundred and twenty thousand out of a total population of a million and a quarter, could only exercise a controlling influence on two small public bodies."

"I challenge the Government to deny these facts or disprove these figures."

Mr. Devlin then quoted the Bishop of Derry, who proved by the recently published census figures that as a result of the gerrymandering of Constituencies since the establishment of Lord Craigavon's Government every hundred Protestant voters in the Catholic Counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh receive the same Parliamentary representation as every two hundred and fifty Catholics.

## Catholic Daughters Jubilee Broadcast Arranged For Nov. 8

New York, Oct. 26.—The feature of the series of radio programs which are being broadcast throughout the United States by the Catholic Daughters of America in commemoration of the order's silver jubilee, will be broadcast from station WEAF on Thursday evening, November 8, with a hook-up by the National Broadcasting Company.

The program, which includes many internationally prominent artists, will be given from 9:30 to 10 p. m. Miss Mary C. Duffy of Newark, N. J., Supreme Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America will give an address on the outstanding achievements of the society during its twenty-five years of existence. Since its inception at Utica, N. Y., in the summer of 1903, with a charter membership of only forty, the order has grown to an international membership of 20,000, with 1,300 subordinate courts throughout the United States, Canada, Porto Rico, Cuba and the Panama Canal Zone.

Among the prominent artists who will appear on the program are Alma Stoll, contralto, Wendell Hart, tenor soloist and grand opera star; Grace Stevenson, harpist, and Sylvester Ruth, violinist.

## Missionary Taller Than Belgian King

London, Oct. 22.—Father van der Schuren, veteran missionary who is visiting Europe after having engaged in missionary propaganda work in the United States, left here for Rome this week. In Rome he will see the Holy Father to discuss American efforts to aid the missions abroad.

Fr. van der Schuren, who has spent 42 years as a missionary in India, is an imposing figure, standing 6 feet 6 inches. "I am taller than the King of the Belgians," he said proudly to the N.C.W.C. correspondent. "Once when I met His Majesty he made me stand with him before a mirror and then he admitted that I am the taller."

The missionary recounted his meeting with Babe Ruth before a crowd of 60,000 fans in New York. "Babe, I said, 'he recalled, 'I've come here today to see you hit a home run and if you fail I shall go away a disappointed man.'"

"Father," replied Babe, bringing a big fist down with a bang on an open palm. "I am going to hit a homer today and I'm going to hit it in your honor."

Baltimore, Oct. 26.—Sister Beatrice at St. Agnes' Hospital here, who was Miss Beatrice Gallagher before entering religious life, has been awarded \$2,000 in a law suit which was started at the end of the Civil War.

Capt. Charles Gallagher, father of Sister Beatrice, filed a claim with the Federal Government after the Confederates had captured his ship and cargo. He asked \$23,387 for the vessel and \$9,876 for the cargo, but when the claim finally was allowed attorneys' fees had cut down the net sum to the divided among Sister Beatrice, her sister and brother.

## Fort Wayne Sodalists Urged to Form Union

Fort Wayne, Oct. 23.—Speaking to an audience of sodalists and sodality directors from all the parishes in Fort Wayne, assembled in the Auditorium of the Catholic Community Center, Father Garsche, S. J., authority on Sodality organization, advised the sodalists to form a Sodality Union for their city with the approval of their Bishop.

Father Garsche told of the successes and the accomplishments of the sodality unions of Baltimore and Washington, which he assisted in founding more than a decade ago, and related the benefits from monthly meetings of the officers of the sodalities. He recalled a meeting which he had addressed in Fort Wayne, where he first suggested the idea of a Catholic Community Center, and declared that he had little dreamed that in so short a time he would be standing in the auditorium of that Center, addressing the young folk of Fort Wayne and their pastors.

Among the activities which he suggested was the promotion of friendliness and sociability towards those strangers and newcomers in the parishes who are in need of advances from the young folk who are at home there.

## Immoral 'Ads' Are Banned By High French Court

By Massiani  
(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Oct. 23.—The highest French justice, the Court of Cassation, has just rendered a decree which will, fortunately, facilitate suppression of immoral propaganda in touching upon certain facts which have heretofore escaped its sanctions. It deals with the advertisements published in certain small papers of frankly immoral enterprises.

Last year, the Attorney General brought charges against many of these publications on the score of offending public morals. The judge of the lower court formally acknowledged the existence of these unfortunate facts; nevertheless, he maintained that whereas the advertisements were to be regretted from the point of view of decency and public morals, at the same time the character of obscenity which the law stipulates as necessary to constitute offense was lacking.

A representative of the public ministry made opposition to the judge's decision, but the Court of Appeal confirmed the ordinance. Then the Attorney General brought the affair before the Court of Cassation. In presenting his argument, he urged that the public not be left longer at the mercy of men who were so skilled as to present their ignominious publicity in such prudent terms as to escape the penalty of the law.

The Court of Cassation has decreed that the incriminating announcements, published in different journals, are by their object as well as by their publication contrary to good morals; the offense committed falls under the penalty of the Law of 1832 which represses pornography; that the judge of the lower court and the Court of Appeal had falsely interpreted the dispositions of that law.

Immoral advertising must now either disappear or place its authors under the ban of the law.

## Jewish Widow Gives To Catholic Charity

San Francisco, Oct. 26.—In the memory of her late husband's love for little children, Mrs. Ernestine Roos, widow of the late Achilles Roos, wealthy Jewish merchant, has made a gift of \$15,000 to the local orphan asylum, \$5,000 to the Hebrew orphanage, \$5,000 to the San Francisco orphanage and \$5,000 to Archdiocese of San Francisco.

New York, Oct. 26.—Rene Pontchien, 18 year old Parisian youth, winner of the third International Oratorical Contest held recently in Washington, D. C., aims one day to be a priest, he confided here just before sailing to return to his beloved native city, Paris.

William Fox, Jr., of London, Canada, who took third place in the contest, also has expressed his intention of entering the priesthood. Thus, among the six out of the eight contestants who were Catholics and products of Catholic schools, one-third are definitely planning to enter Holy Orders at the conclusion of their collegiate training.

Rene said he wants to be the kind of priest who is a leader of his flock, one whose oratorical powers in forceful sermons sway a congregation, and point the way. These are the two germs directing the energies of this youth of France—the priesthood and oratory.

Hence it seems but natural that Rene should be declared the best high school orator in eight countries, and by the same token champion of the world. But the honor held a far deeper significance for him than could possibly be suggested by the silver trophy he won. This was his first great victory in the field of his ambition.

He admitted that it was a "good omen for good sermons" which developed his intense interest in oratory. But side by side with this passion, growing almost unnoticed by himself, and perhaps as a natural sequence, is the urge spurring him to enter the priesthood.

"I have always wanted to be a priest," he said, "I really don't know when the idea first came. I seem to have always had it."

Reluctant to speak of himself, or of his studies, or of his triumph over the youth of his own land which gave him the right to compete for wider honors, he seemed only anxious to board the ship and to return to Paris and his mother.

Rene's father is one of those millions whose memory France reveres—one of her sons who fell early in the World War. And Rene, "an only son, now lives alone with his mother in a modest dwelling in the Rue Bandricourt. He is a student at the Lycee Henri IV in Paris.

Very early in his scholastic work he developed an engrossing interest in literature. In the writings of his own France he has been a devoted student of the 17th century classic. Among the romantic poets, he said, his choice runs to Lamartine and Paul Claudel. In the study of oratory, which he has pursued ever since childhood, he confided that the great Bishop of Meaux, Bossuet, has been his favorite.

As an indication of the urge that is leading him to enter Holy Orders, Rene has found time from his studies to become a leader in boy's work in the parish of the Church of Sainte Anne de la Maison Blanche, which he has always attended. He first became president of the Altar Boys' Society and then president of the Federation des Clercs de Paris.

A federated group of twenty boys' altars societies which he was instrumental in organizing. He is now a member greatly interested in him, and he says he of the council of the Federation.

Charitable work in the parish also most delighted every summer when he takes the small children of the parish into the country for a glorious week of fresh air and sunshine away from the noise and bustle of the city.

And while it may be said, with truth that Rene takes life quite seriously he is still a gay and light-hearted youth, frank and open and generous, his countenance almost always radiant with smiles. But underneath all this one glimpses a steady determination, a will to accomplish what he has set his heart to.

Carefully and with anxiety he has set his face toward the Church. He thought his purpose known only to his mother and himself and expressed surprise that anyone else should have heard of it.

Coming to the United States for the oratorical contest, Rene boarded the United States Lines ship America at Cherbourg late in September with Dudley Barker, the English representative, and Helma Barth, of Germany. Arriving in America they met Estrin Brito Romo of Mexico City and then went to Canada where they were joined by William Fox, Jr., of London, the Canadian champion.

Paris, Oct. 29.—With the consent of the Bishop of Angers, the Catholic parish of Varrains and the municipal council of the commune have given to the Protestant Temple of Saumur large "tablets of the Law" of stone composition which have been in the Catholic church at Varrains for many years. The slate tablets, now placed in the parietal of the Protestant church, are engraved with the Ten Commandments according to the Book of Exodus and the summary of the Law of Jesus Christ from the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Once the property of the old temple of Saumur, demolished in 1635 at the revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV, the tablets were then transferred to the Abbey of St. Florent and later became the property of a Catholic senator from Maine-et-Loire, M. Fabian Guesbriat, who gave them to the Catholic church at Varrains.

On the occasion of the restitution of these historic souvenirs to the Protestants of Saumur, Senator Guesbriat wrote a letter in which he declared that he was "very happy to be a party to this reparation of an injustice committed more than two hundred years ago."

## Mrs. Brady Succeeds Mrs. Herbert Hoover In Girl Scouts' Post

New York, October 25.—Mrs. Nicholas E. Brady of this city was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of America at a convention held in Colorado Springs, Colo., recently. Mrs. Brady succeeds Mrs. Herbert Hoover. Mrs. Edward Richard was elected national treasurer succeeding Mrs. Brady, who was the former treasurer.

Officers elected at the convention were: Mrs. William H. Hoffman of Harrington, R. I., president; Mrs. Herbert Hoover, first vice president; Mrs. Arthur Choate, second vice president; Mrs. Julius Rosenwald, third vice president; Mrs. Vance C. McCracken of Harrisburg, Pa., fourth vice president; Mrs. Frederick Edey, New York, fifth vice president; Mrs. A. Clifford Shinkle, Cincinnati, O., sixth vice president; Mrs. William M. Chester, Milwaukee, Wis., seventh vice president.

The following were elected members-at-large of the Board of Directors: Mrs. Leo Arnstein, Mrs. Julius H. Barnes, Mrs. Nicholas E. Brady, Mrs. William M. Jardine, Mrs. Arthur W. Page, Mrs. Edward F. Stevens, and Mrs. Owen D. Young. Mrs. John T. Baxter, Brooklyn, was made a regional member.

## Fire at Famous Tournai Cathedral Endangers Rare Art

Brussels, Oct. 25.—The twelfth century Cathedral of Tournai, one of Belgium's finest Romanesque churches, housing numerous art treasures, including works of Rubens and other masters and vestments presented to it by Thomas A. Becket of England, caught fire early this evening and for a while was threatened with destruction.

The blaze, believed to have been caused by imprudence on the part of workmen at the cathedral, was brought under control in less than two hours and before very extensive damage was done. The art treasures were said to be safe.

## Great Iron Cross Placed on Mountain

Paris, Oct. 23.—An iron cross, 18 feet high, has been placed on the summit of the Alps, the Croix du Savoy, at an altitude of 7,447 feet. The blessing of the cross was attended by fifty-two persons who had succeeded in scaling the mountain. Three of the Alpinists had failed so far to receive Holy Communion. The altars for the occasion were set out that had been used more than a century ago during the Revolution for the masses in the chalets of the mountain.

## Sen. Ransdell N.C.W.C. Convention Speaker

Washington, Oct. 25.—United States Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana and the Rev. Dr. John H. Burke, C.S.P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will be speakers at the annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Women, which will be held in conjunction with the eighth annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Men, at the Hotel Hamilton, November 13-15.

Sen. Ransdell, who is a member of the Council, announced that he would be the first speaker.