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—Pope Benedict XV.

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We respectfully request that our readers who have their papers, would urge all to be read among the masses.
—Bishop O'Hern.

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Cardinal Hayes, Beloved Prince of the Church Will Officiate at Consecration

Ceremony of Consecration Is Solemn and Impressive

Church Ritual Is Carried Out With Unusual Dignity and Beauty—Cathedral will Be Decorated in Papal Colors and American Flags

The consecration of Rt. Reverend John Francis O'Hern, D. D., as Bishop of Rochester on next Tuesday morning, March 19, will be a ceremony of majestic splendor, rich in the beauty of the sublime ritual of the Catholic Church, solemn, impressive, and above all, sublime. It will be an epochal event in the history of the Diocese; an epochal event in the life of Bishop O'Hern, and most truly an epochal event in the lives and memories of the people of Rochester.

The consecration will bring to Rochester the largest number of priests and prelates ever seen here. There is widespread interest in the event, and a brief advance description of the ceremony will be appreciated. The consecration is in every sense a gorgeous ceremonial, a fitting and inspiring reminder to all the faithful that a new Prince of the Church is being crowned, that a new successor to the Apostles of Jesus Christ is to be given his cross and crozier.

All possible splendor will surround the ceremonial, sumptuous altars, gold-cloth vestments, eloquent sermons, proclaiming the joy of Mother Church and of the laity. It is an impressive, dignified rite. The presence of colorful robes of illustrious personages, cardinals, archbishops, bishops, monsignori, priests and sisters enhance the beauty of processional and sanctuary scenes. This feature will be particularly impressive, as it will mark the elevation of Monsignor O'Hern in the very same church where he presided one time as rector. It will be witnessed by a concourse of people of every religious faith and social grade.

A Colorful Event
Early on the morning of the consecration which will begin at 9:30 o'clock, the Church dignitaries will don their vestments. The Cathedral, beyond all doubt, will be packed to the doors long before the scheduled hour of the ceremony. Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, in full regalia, will act as ushers. The Knights of St. John, in full uniform, will act as official escort of the procession of churchmen.

When the command "Forward, March!" is heard, the imposing procession of dignitaries will start. At the head will follow the processional cross, carried by a priest. Then will come the students of St. Bernard's Seminary in black cassocks and white surplices, followed by the priests of Rochester Diocese, with violet cassocks, emblems of the Monsignori. The bishops and archbishops will come next, escorting Patrick Cardinal Hayes and the Bishop-Elect.

The interior of the sacred edifice will present a magnificent spectacle, the decorations being of papal colors, yellow and gold, intermingled with American flags. The black, white, purple, violet garbs of the prelates will form a pleasing effect. The service is a beautiful ceremony conducted entirely in Latin. Monsignor O'Hern will be robed in the amice, alb, cincture and stole of a priest, and he will be led before Cardinal Hayes, the Consecrator, to be seated between the two assistant consecrators. He will be presented to the Consecrator as follows:

"Most Reverend Father, our holy mother, the Catholic Church requires you to raise this priest, here present, to the burdens of a bishop."

The Consecrator will ask: "Have you the Apostolic mandate?" Upon receiving an affirmative reply, the authority will be ordered read.

At this point one of the dignitaries will step forward and read in a clear voice the document in Latin. It will set forth that our Holy Father, Pius XI, has in recognition of the zeal and fidelity of Monsignor O'Hern in exposing the cause of religion, caused him to be elevated to the dignity of Bishop of the Rochester Diocese.

The Bishop's Oath
After hearing the reading of the document, Monsignor O'Hern will kneel before the Consecrator and recite after him the "Bishop's Oath," which is as follows:

"I, John, elected in the Church of Rochester, from this hour henceforth will be obedient to Blessed Peter the Apostle, and to the Holy Roman Church, and to our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, and to his successors canonically elected. I will assist them to retain and to defend the Roman Empire without detriment to my rights. I shall take care to preserve, to increase and promote the

rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman Church; of our Lord, the Pope and of his aforesaid successors. I shall observe with all my strength and shall cause to be observed by others, the rules of the Holy Fathers, the Apostolic decrees, ordinances, or dispositions, reservations and mandates. I shall come when called to a synod, unless prevented by a canonical impediment. I shall make personally the visit "ad limina apostolorum" every ten years, and I shall render to our Holy Father, Pope Pius XI, and to his aforesaid successors an account of my whole pastoral office, and of all things whatever pertaining to the state of my church, the discipline of the clergy, and the people, and finally to the salvation of souls which are entrusted to me and in return I shall humbly receive the apostolic mandates, and execute them as diligently as possible. But if I shall be detained by legitimate impediment, I shall fulfill all aforesaid things through a designated delegate having a special mandate for the purpose, a priest of my diocese or through some other secular or regular priest of known probity or religion, fully informed concerning the above-named things. I shall not sell, nor give, nor mortgage the possessions belonging to my mensa, nor shall I alienate them in any manner, even with the consent of the Chapter of my Church, without consulting the Roman Pontiff. And if through me any such alienation shall occur, I wish by the very fact to incur the punishments contained in the constitution published concerning that matter."

The Holy Gospels
With the closing of the Bishop's Oath, the Consecrator, holding the Gospels open on his lap, will offer them to the Bishop-elect, who, with outstretched hands placed on the holy text, will say:

"So may God help me, and these Holy Gospels of God."
To which the Consecrator will say: "Deo Gratia."

Then follows the examination of the candidate for episcopal honors, made in the identical words prescribed by the Fourth Council of Carthage, to which the Bishop-elect will respond: "I will."

The last question so answered, translated in English, will be: "Will you, for the Lord's sake, be affable and merciful to the poor and to pilgrims and all of those in need?"

The Consecrator after examining Bishop O'Hern will say: "May the Lord bestow upon thee all these good things and every other good thing and preserve thee and strengthen thee in all goodness."

The Consecrator will then lay aside his miter and begin the mass. Bishop O'Hern who will have laid aside the cope and assumed the pectoral cross, will assist the Consecrator in tunic and chasuble with stole uncrossed. At the end of the tract the Consecrator will take his place again at the altar and state the duties of a Bishop in these terms:

"It behooves a bishop to judge, interpret, consecrate, ordain, baptize and confirm."

Cardinal Blesses Bishop
At this juncture Cardinal Hayes will call upon the congregation to pray, and Bishop O'Hern will kneel at the left of the Consecrator. All but the Cardinal will kneel, and the sanctuary choir will sing the "Litany of the Saints." Toward the end the Cardinal, making the sign of the cross thrice, will pronounce a blessing over the Bishop who will remain kneeling, in a prostrate position emblematic of the interior humiliation of the soul in the presence of the infinite majesty of God.

This is one of the most touching and impressive parts of the beautiful ceremony of consecrating a bishop. While the congregation is kneeling the Cardinal will rise and, with crozier in left hand will turn toward the people

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His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes Who Will Consecrate Bishop O'Hern

His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York city will officiate as Consecrator of Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of Rochester, on next Tuesday, March 19, in St. Patrick's Cathedral. He will come from New York in the private car of Patrick E. Crowley, president of the New York Central railroad, and will be greeted at the Central Station here by prominent clergy and laymen. Frank J. Smith will be as chairman of the Reception Committee. A number of church dignitaries will accompany Cardinal Hayes. This distinguished party is expected to arrive here Monday evening, March 18. It was through the influence of Cardinal Hayes that the consecration commanding spirit of organization,

educational and theological. So prominent was in the early period of his church work that his superiors were attracted by his personality and eagerness for religious work, with the result that Father Hayes was honored with the appointment as Auxiliary to the Archbishop of New York on July 8, 1914, and constituted Titular Bishop of Tagaste on October 28 the same year.

When the United States entered the World War Bishop Hayes was appointed Bishop Ordinary of the United States Army and Navy Chaplains by the Holy See, the appointment being made on November 24, 1917, only a few months after our soldiers began to cross the Atlantic. On March 24, 1924, Bishop Hayes was promoted to the See of New York, being creat-

ed Cardinal-Priest of the Holy Roman Church under the title of Sancta Maria in Via. Cardinal Hayes will be warmly welcomed to Rochester. Monsignor O'Hern as bishop was set for Tuesday, March 19, the feast day of St. Joseph. Permission was granted by the Consistorial Congregation on recommendation of the Cardinal.

Cardinal Hayes is one of the majestic figures in Catholic Church in the United States. His presence at and participation in the ceremony Tuesday will lend to that impressive event the lustre of apostolic dignity and benediction.

Ordained to the priesthood on September 8, 1892, Cardinal Hayes, a gifted orator, supplemented the power of his eloquent voice by a

Ancient Diocese Restored Now

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli (Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Jerusalem, March 11.—The glorious Archdiocese of Rhodes, which, since its capture in 1522 by the Turks, has been without a resident titular, has just been restored and its first resident titular appointed in the person of a Franciscan Father, Mgr. Castellani. Since 1912, the Island of Rhodes, which for centuries was a bulwark of Christ the Crescent, has been the property of the Kingdom of Italy. The headquarters there, occupied in former years by the Italian Knights of St. John of Jerusalem—later called the Knights of Rhodes and also the Knights of Malta—has been restored to that order by the King of Italy.

Premier Mussolini has taken a personal interest in the restoration of this diocese and in the building of the Cathedral that is being erected there.

Catholic Students Win Oratory Prizes
Detroit, March 12.—Carol La Fond of St. Agnes school, Detroit, and Gaynor Stackpool of Visitation school, Detroit, were chosen as the best Catholic high school orators of the Detroit diocese

Bishop O'Reilly Brilliant Orator

Rt. Rev. Thomas Charles O'Reilly, Bishop of Scranton, Pa., one of the consecrators for Bishop O'Hern, was born in Cleveland, O., February 22, 1873. He received his classical and scientific training at John Carroll University, Cleveland, was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1898. Father O'Reilly was made assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist the Cathedral Church of Cleveland Diocese, and he remained there, in various capacities, 28 years. He held the chair of Sacred Theology, Sacred Eloquence and Theology in St. Mary's Seminary. He was a very successful professor. Later he was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese. During the World War he served as army chaplain, visiting many encampments, and he also was a leading speaker for American patriot work. In March, 1928, he was installed as Bishop of Scranton Diocese.

Former Missionary Dies
San Francisco, March 9.—The Rev. Valentine Dorenkemper, O. F. M., former missionary to the Indians of New Mexico, was buried from St. Elizabeth's Church, Fruitvale, Thursday. He was ordained in St. Louis and was sent to New Mexico soon after. He came to Fruitvale a few months ago.

Nazareth College Junior Prom

The Nazareth College Junior Prom will be held at the Hotel Seneca on Tuesday evening, April second, from 9 to 11 p. m. Supper will be served at 10 o'clock.

Miss Elizabeth Randall, president of the Junior Class and general chairman of the promenade, has appointed the following committee to assist her:

Ball room, Mary La Palm; invitations, Agnes Marron; publicity, Dorothy Fleming; orchestra, Beatrice Welch.

Lee Kroecker's Maroon Collegians of Syracuse will furnish the music for the prom which will be broadcast from station WHEC between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Lenten Fast Is Cancelled in Britain

By N. C. W. C. Special Cable
London, March 14.—With the exception of Plymouth, every diocese in England and Wales now has general dispensation from Lenten fasting and abstinence, because of the prevalence of influenza, which is causing heavy mortality. The Friday abstinence, however, is retained. Cardinal Bourne, himself a victim of influenza, granted the dispensation on medical advice.

Sketch of the Life and Work Of Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern

New Bishop was Born in Olean, N. Y. Educated There and in Rochester, and Ordained in Rome, Italy—Has Great Love for Children

Beginning life as a child of Mother Church, Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., rose step by step in an atmosphere of Christian devotion until he attained the highest ecclesiastical gift within the Diocese of Rochester. On Tuesday, March 19th, he will become the spiritual father of the Diocese, and as such will reign over a domain embracing a substantial portion of Western and Central New York.

In June, 1874, Bishop-elect O'Hern was born into this world. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Hern, lived at Olean, N. Y. If there was absence of luxurious furnishings in their home, there were exceedingly happy in living in the Christian spirit characteristic of their faith and race. Brought up in such a home it was natural for John Francis O'Hern to take an interest in the Church and its teachings. This same spirit was inculcated in the hearts and minds of his three brothers, now Col. Edward P. O'Hern, Rev. Lewis, and Rev. Thomas J. O'Hern. This religious spirit came from both sides of the O'Hern family.

The mother, whose maiden name was Ellen Casey, was the daughter of John Casey, of Clyde, N. Y., and she was particularly pleased with the desire of her sons to devote their lives to their Church and to the spiritual help of their fellowmen. Mr. O'Hern, the father, was equally pleased with the high ideals of his sons.

It is of interest to state that three cousins of Bishop-elect O'Hern, Rev. Maurine O'Hern, Rev. William O'Hern, Rev. Thomas O'Hern, are in the priesthood, and that his nephew, Philip O'Hern, son of Col. O'Hern, is a novitiate at the Paulist Seminary, Brookland, Cal.

John Francis O'Hern made his preparatory studies in St. Mary's grade school at Olean, later entering Olean High School, from which he was graduated with high honors. Having evinced a desire to dedicate his life to his God and church, he then entered St. Anthony's Seminary in Rochester, going from there to St. Bernard's Seminary, where he attracted the attention of Bishop McQuaid and also of Father Hickey, first and second Bishops of the Rochester Diocese. As a student of St. Bernard's the future Bishop seemed to be eager to add to his religious studies a sympathetic feeling toward the poor of this world. This humane and heartfelt charity for persons in humble circumstances has always been, and is today, one of the most striking characteristics of the new bishop.

A Student in Rome
Going from St. Bernard's Seminary this ambitious young man took up theological studies at Rome, Italy, in the College of the Propaganda and North American College. He was ordained priest on February 17, 1901, by the Cardinal Vicar of Rome, Cardinal Respighi. Returning to the United States, and to his home city, Father O'Hern was appointed assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, later being transferred to St. Mary's Church at Aurora, N. Y. In January, 1909, he was made pastor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, and later became pastor of Corpus Christi Church. Father O'Hern also was honored by being appointed Vicar-General of the Diocese of Rochester. In August, 1924, he was made a Domestic Prelate to His Holiness the Pope, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. On October 30, 1928, Monsignor O'Hern was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese, and he was elevated to the Episcopate on January 4, 1929. The consecration on March 19 will be the final act in his rise from student to Bishop.

Patrick Cardinal Hayes will act as Consecrator. Most Reverend Edward J. Hanna, D. D., Archbishop of San Francisco, and Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly of Scranton, Pa., will be Co-Consecrators.

The consecration dinner will be held in Columbus Auditorium 1 p. m. on Tuesday, and there will be a general public reception at 5:30 p. m. in the same Auditorium.

Among the interested associates of the consecration will be the new Bishop's two sisters, Mrs. Nellie O'Hern and Miss Gertrude O'Hern of the Health Bureau, and Joseph O'Hern, assistant Superintendent of Schools, a cousin of the Bishop-elect. Two brothers of the new Bishop of the Diocese, and as such will reign over a domain embracing a substantial portion of Western and Central New York.

Among the positions filled by Monsignor O'Hern were: Trustee of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, trustee of St. Patrick's Cathedral, trustee of St. Bernard's Seminary, trustee of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, trustee of Rochester Catholic Charities, chairman of Monroe County Jail, member of Board of Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Great Love for Children
"Pellit Timorem Caritas Banishes Fear" has been the motto of his three brothers, now Col. Edward P. O'Hern, Rev. Lewis, and Rev. Thomas J. O'Hern. This religious spirit came from both sides of the O'Hern family.

The children, ever appreciative of the love of their parents, look forward them with great anticipation in his elevation to the Bishop's throne. They will take pardonable pride in the greatness of the Church of Christ, the diocese of Rochester.

Church music also appeals to the heart and mind of our Bishop. The angelic psalm at his birth finds a happy response in his heart, and he believes that a song of rejoicing is a spiritual plant for the human body. Monsignor O'Hern works for humanity, to manage its sorrows, to wipe away tears, and beyond all to heal its storm of passion, and with all its qualities he brings the blessing of peace to the world-weary heart. Bishop, he will work in the way, and it is the prayer of all his friends that his work will bring good fruit in abundance, the same they found in him as Priest.

Kind to the Poor
In all of his religious ministrations, Monsignor O'Hern has always been noted for his kindness to the poor. It was not unusual for him to be excused from an important function to listen to the stories of sorrows of poor men or women. He was always ready to serve the confessional, no matter at what hour of the day or night.

It is said of Monsignor O'Hern that he has more friends among the residents of institutions than any other person. His one motive has always been to help an unfortunate to start anew on the path of moral rectitude by showing to him the beauty of faith in God.

This kindly spirit, so manifest in Corpus Christi parish, will spread like Mons. O'Hern's other beautiful traits, to all the churches in his charge. Within the jurisdiction of Bishop O'Hern when he assumes the throne on Tuesday, will be hundreds of priests and sons from many churches. The latest census in Rochester diocese shows it to contain 257 regular priests, 17 regular parishes, total of 257; churches with regular priests 119; missions with regular priests 27; chapels 23; Theological Institute for secular clergy 1; parishes of Rochester Diocese, 65; missions of Rochester Diocese, 150; parishes of St. Mary's Seminary, 111; Convent Women 1, pupils 197; young ladies 2, high schools, 2; in high schools, 1279; parishes of parochial schools, 69; parishes of parochial schools, 30,000; people receiving Catholic education in Orphan asylums, 11; the Aged 1, inmates 11.