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The consecration of Bishop O'Hern is an ent of unusual importance to an unusually recomber of people of different groups. here will be no parents present eagerly ing through the long service to be the at to receive a son's episcopal benediction; by will be looking down upon him from Heaven with love and pride, and with a diction of their own.

But other relatives will be there, among em sisters and brothers all bound to one miner and to him in a union that is signedy beamtiful among even the strongest tendermit family unions. Their gladness fil be too deep to find a way to the surface n. His fellow-citizens will by OXOT NO te, invertably only through some few presentatives from various civic groups ith which he has come in contact, and in any of which he has served as a lover of e culture, welfare and progress of his city. they also will be glad.

Reventative of our sisterhoods will there, many Sisters among them who in hight for him in our schools, and have rional kindliness, and witnessed the evitic education. Theirs will be the gladness spiritual who will look quite though all the pomp and circumstance of with souls rapt heavenyards, envision. he conservation itself. His follow-privats will be there, and many bishop; archolshops also, two of them old and trie and dear friends to him and to us it; and the beloved Cardinal-Archbishop of ew. York, fellow-student in old Troy to many Rochester priests, and now towering power and eminence among the highest of the sublime range of the princes of the Church. All they will be glad not it to see the service of a faithful priest ewarded and enlarged, but also to welcome new Knight into the Chivalry of the King King , new Bishop into God's Church; ad that think God, with the elevation of predecessor, and not his death! In all, this we have not mentioned the real body of the Catholics of Rochester, te fily and the Diocese. Comparatively very lew of them can be present at the consecration saving, and it is good to learn that the new Basic, out of his kindly thought for the people, has promised at least two ponfical services for them in the near future. ney greeted the annoucement of Monsig-CHern's elevation to the episcopate which here was not the least discordant minimum for this are obvious, most asons for this are obvious, most then band on a sure knowledge that the Oligen has been a priestly man and many pricest; a man gifted with great and a sense of humor that addined into the supernatural by his enumers with every grace of God, to the demands of new dignity conferred upon him-a entermost devoted to his priestly nee and to the general service of humanity, but designation of him as "Father" in t hat sentence for all that he has now Our design for some years a Monsignor, was not of the pen. "Father" is the priest's at title; all is well with the priest to the it. Let us, however, dwell appent two of the reasons why and save for brief vato town and his studies a anara been in Rochesw the short priestly always been a cit-

Archbishop Hickey, from our own ranks. And now comes the third, again our own, and with a special gladness to us all, because from recent precedent we had much reason to fear that, although Monsignor O'Hern would surely soon be elected bishop somewhere, it might not be here.

As we pen these lines, we are not forget ting that Bishop O'Hern-and he would be the first to tell us not to forget-is not the only priest of the Dicese of Rochester who. by priestly character and zeal and service is worthy to be Bishop of Rochester, or of anywhere else. We should be glad of any one of our own; knowing him and loving him, we are especially glad of him.

In the second place, he has chosen for his motto "Servire regnare est." Whatever may be the official translation of that. it emphasizes service. When the sudden and unexpected tidings came to Bishop O'Hern that he was to be Bishop of Rochester, almost his first word was that the cornerstone of his administration would be service-service-unto the Church, and unto every good cause. He made the splendid choice, not after long reflection upon what he or the people should like, or what the people should want him to choose, but naturally, easily, and spontaneously, in accord with what had been during all his career hitherto the cornerstone of his priestly adit even in the inner shrine of his own medicause he was what he was, and had done to the Bishop of the Discess. what he had done, the great word sprang to his lips from the depths of his soul. He did well to place the word beneath his coatof-arms. Note that coat-of-arms, crowded, if you will. Upon it there are personal and ecclesiastical symbols, of course; but also upon it is a symbol of the city wherein he will be not only resident Bishop, but also Citizen!

Already while Apostolic administrator of our Diocese, and Bishop-elect, he has given his name and support to many good causes, one of them, at least, merely civic; and this at a time when he might have been devoting himself almost exclusively to preparation for the great event of consecration. In this there is a shining promise for the future. A Catholic Bishop residing in any city should be its first citizen, foremost in knew! all good works, not alone Catholic, but also civic. And we look forward with joy to the prospect that our Bishop shall be Rochester's first Citizen!

These are two special reasons for Rochester Catholics rejoicing over the consecration of our new Bishop. May we in this place give expression also to a feeling of that chooses service as his hand-maid, especially the man who long ago chose it and has been unceasingly faithful to-it,-stands in some danger, wi ere in larger opportunities of service, of taking upon merely huto place there now another. Wherefore, while we express our gladness in the consecration of our new Bishop, and while we express to him our sincere and cordial and loving congratulations, we beg of him to let his zcal ever be accompanied by a discretion that will remind him of the fact that while the soul is immortal, the body is not!

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We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His Only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell the third day he arose again from the-dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost, THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH, the Communion of the Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Official Endorsement by Bishop O'Hern

The need of an official Catholic newspaper in the Diocese of Rochester has been felt by clergy and laity, and has led me to take action looking to the establishment of such an organ. The matter has been gone over thoroughly with priess and prominent isymen, and has been considered in its varied aspects as filling a religious need, and as a business proposition. With prudent counsel from men of good judgment, and of experience in business affairs, and with the approval of the Diocesan Board of Consultors, we have constituted and "Catholic Courier and Journal" as the official Catholic Newspaper for the Diocese of Rochester. We ask God's blessing on the undertaking, that it may serve to bring to our people timely information on religious topics, instruction in the doctrines of the Catholic Faith, messages of an official nature from the authorities of the Diocese; in a word, that it may be all that a Catholic newspaper should be as a recognized influence for good in our homes.

We carnestly recommend the "Catholic Courier and Journal" to our diocesans as worthy of their patronage, and we would urge all to be numbered among its subscribers. No other paper has received ministration. Perhaps he had never voiced authorization as the official organ of the Diocese.

The business side of the "Catholic Courier and Journal" has been carefully provide for by Cathotation; surely he had never named it to lic laymen who have assumed the entire responsibility for its financial success. The editing of the others; but in that sublimate moment, be- paper and consorship of its contents will be entirely in control of priests appointed by and responsible

> Yours Sincerely in Christ. JOHN PHANCIS OTIERN, D. D. BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

- All Authority is from God.

Saint Patrick

est Saints the Church ever knew, and perhaps one of the greatest men the world ever on the Fourth Commandment.

with decorations in which green is the predominant color, because green is the color tem of government he had been elected to of old Ireland, for all that the flag of the office is mighty in importance and weighty Irish Free State has upon it also orange and in responsibility; the greatest this country white. Between friends greetings are inter- can give. Herbert Hoover as President poschanged in the greenest of green cards, with sesses mighty power. He is responsible to something other than rejoicing? The man script and pictures ranging from the subscript and pictures ranging from the sub-lime to the ridiculous. There will be spe- Apparent then is the wisdom of the Church and hearts are stretching out in an intense. cial events at which the favors will be sym- when she commands her members to pray interest unto the event especially when it is bolical, more or, less, and mostly less, of for lawfully constituted authority. We wish things Irish, in green, of course. We shall our new President well. We congraulate ties of service, of taking upon merely nu-man shoulders a burden too great to bear. hear many a concert that will specialize in We have already placed one victim upon the the dear, sweet melodious songs of Ireland, of justice, rightcousness and truth. Pre-

Although St. Patrick's Day must suffer | Lawfully constituted authority must be some eclipse in celebration this year, from obeyed and respected. This has always been its conjunction with Passion Sunday, we the teaching of the Catholic Church. In ful-must not altogether neglect to nay tribute to filling her mission to teach all peoples she must not altogether neglect to pay-tribute-to has never slighted or misrepresented this the great Apostle of Ireland. And we would command from God. In explaining this law pay the tribute not merely because Patrick the Church always placed on her members was Apostle of Ireland, but also, and even both lay and cleric the obligation and duty especially because he was one of the great- of praying for those in authority. In this manner must they manifest definitely their respect. Recall the teaching received by you On March 4th Herbert Hoover was in

About this time the shops are brilliant augurated the thirty-first President of the United States of America. Under our sys-God and to the people, in the exercise of this

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The Consecration and the Radio

Whether or not, the consecration cere-mony of Bishop O'Hern will be the first ever sent out over the radio, surely it will be one of the first, and surely the first ever to reach Rochesterians and others within the range of the broadcasting station. Wherefore, there is a very special interest in the broadcasting of it.

The radio is rapidly becoming the chief medium for the dissemination of communicable thought and emotion, whether vocal in song and speech, or instrumental. Its convenience for the many renders it every day more universal. It can never, in mostinstances, take the place of direct and immediate communication and reception. One wants to see the singer, or the speaker, as well as to hear him or her, to enjoy the power of a personality that may lend a better interpretation and a greater beauty to the song or speech. But for them that cannot enjoy the direct and immediate hearing, the radio, in so far as it brings to our homes things worth while, true things and good things and beautiful, is one of our greatest present-day material blessings. Many Catholic churches and institutions have now been using it for a long time. They have given great pleasure and accomplished great good.

There is still in the minds of many of us a question whether it is altogether reverent regularly to broadcast in its entirety the Catholic Sunday morning service. That service is our Holy Mass. To have part reverently in this sublime service, and to partake of its great beneficences, one must be present. Many far away, and many of them not Catholic, may delight in the spiritual chant of the Church as rendered by a competent choir, and may through the sermon of the preacher come to a better knowedge of our Cathoic atittude towards issues of the day that are invoved therein. But the music and the preaching are a small part in our Catholic Sunday morning service; and some of us are still wondering whether what good the broadcasting may accomplish is compensation for the indescribable feeling that we have when the sound of the consecration bell tells us that the Lord of Love is coming to earth again, and we are not where He comes; and for that other feeling we have when we think that to many listening in the sound of the bell means nothing.

However, there is no question in any Catholict mind of the value of the broadcasting of the service of an episcopal consecration. In the first place, it is an event of tremendous importance to all Catholics within the Diocese for which the Bishop is consecrated. Comparatively an infinitesimally

Our Editorial Policy

The editorial policy of the Catholic Courier and Journal will be a policy of peace, Christian charity and neighborly kindliness.-There will be no controversies, no bitterness, no uncalled for criticisms of people who differ from us in beliefs or ideals. This paper will stand unswervingly for truth, for justice, for the brotherly love that Christ taught the world. It will loyalty and devotion to our Government and our God.

It is the hope of the Catholic Courier and Journal that the paper will find a welpreciation and inspiration, and that it will be a power for real good in the carrying of Catholic news, Catholic thought, ideals and Hopefully, we reach our hands out to the people of the Diocese of Rochester. A warm clasp, a cordial greeting, a friendly wordand we will feel at home. May every fireside hold a cherful place for us!

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and published by him through all the inter- Rome for a commission to be its Apostle. vening years, until his death on December The story of the slave's return as Bishop is 9th, 1928, has been taken over by the Cath- the story of a hundred miracles. Perhaps Journal is a special Consecration Number, olic Courier and Journal, Inc., consolidated, they did not all happen, although the writ-with The Courier and will thus be continued er of this paper, with his consciousness of John Francis O'Hern, D. D. It has been a our country Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of genuine, sincere and universal, in the life-as strangers Rochester. A happy beginning, indeed, and time of one missionary, accomplished with-and of pride in the fact that, at last, the

especially in our own United States. Most good citizen. of all this will have little of importance to do with the real Saint Patrick. It is, if you like, a tribute mostly of affection to a great people that, despite a hundred disasters, has wound the tendrils of its undying devotion sary condition for healthful growth. Were to justice and liberty about the heart of the worldl

would, tell the story of St. Patrick. But we

may, perhaps, present to him our tribute under the aspects of his boyhood in Ireland as a slave, and his manhood there as a Bishop. There is a picture, first, of a lonely shepherd boy, exiled from home, a slave watching a master's flocks on the Flemish mountains in Antrim. Born in the Christian home of parents of high social degree, Calphurnius, perhaps a Roman soldier, and Conchessa, a relative of St. Martin of Tours, the boy had the advantage of all the culture stand for clean and wholesome civic ideals, of his time that was suited to his age, and for honesty in public and private life, for especially the culture of Religion. Violence carried him from his home and sold him into slavery. There is no evidence that he most sacred social abode of life, the home. was treated unkindly; on the contrary, the the noddler but as the friend the physician many columns of all our newspapers were fact that after his escape, and especially during the years of his preparation for the come in every Catholic home in the Diocese priesthood, he thought constantly and kindly of Rochester; that it will be read with ap- of the strange peoples of his captivity, is evidence that they had been kind to him and is fit to print, but rather that news which is that he had learned to love them.

The story of his return to Ireland is a beautifully romantic and dramatic one. He Ireland calling, calling, calling unto him to own heart's desire gave to the calling a The Catholic Journal, founded by the all that a Palladius had failed to Christian-ize interesting and mescapation, and its in the late Edward J. Ryan in 1889, and edited ize Ireland, Patrick presented himself to music entrancing and inescapable; and for philosophy of life thoroughly Christ-like,

stant devotion to duty; we are not minded At banquets speeches will be made, eulogis- scinding from the machinery of any party tic of Ireland's contribution to the melting affiliations, in this way do we meet the repot of other nations all over the earth, and quirements of a practical Catholic and a

Let in the Sunshine

We know that oGd's sunlight is a necesyou ever in a damp, dark, musty room? How long could you stand it? Do you think that We may not here, and could not if we We need sunshine to bring the color to the you would grow healthy and strong there? cheek, the brightness to the eye, and the strength to the physical man.

The Press is the sunshine of the intellect. That it is a power no one will deny. All live interests in the world acknowledge this. The mere fact that it is a power suggests the posis transformed into an agency not of sunshine but of darkness.

Catholic which qualifies, specifies and de- fish, devoted and untiring service to every termines the nature of its work, designates good cause. the minister, the counsellor of the family. Its work is to set forth truth. Certainly it must give news, not exactly all the news that fit to read.

It has a duty and obligation to the home, truths into the homes of all our people, could have remained in cultured and com- may in the current events and happenings of fortable Southern Europe. His native life, the Catholic Press can never lose sight genius, great knowledge and sublime char- of these objectives. Its sunlight must acter would have carried him far upon the brighten the home by making better the also for representatives of the non-Catholic pleasant paths of achievement and prefer- lives of those within. Its rays must promote clergy of Rochester, including a Jewish rabbi kingdom on earth, the Catholic Church. Its the token of their acceptance of the cordial return. God's whisper to his soul, and his power must protect and support the social unit by permeating the whole mass with a

Our Consecration Edition

in ways and along lines envisioned by the one miracle in Ireland greater than them labor of love to prepare it, edit it, to obtain founder of the paper. The new paper, en- all, is inclined to believe them. That one and arrange the large number of advertiselarged and with a broader field, starts its miracle was the conversion of Ireland out ments that it carries. The unusually large career with the blessing and approval of of paganism unto Christianity, a conversion number of pages in this edition is proof of

the consecration of one they know and love. Absent in body, the radio makes them happy in the thought that not only can they be present in spirit, through thought and prayer, but also can have some bodily part in the service as they listen to all the portions of it that can be heard within the Church, and to announcements that keep them informed of all that takes place therein, in which latter regard they may have an advantage over those actually present. Catholics even beyond the Diocese enjoy the same advantage.

Also, the consecration of a Bishop is an event of great importance to his fellow citizens in general, independently of their creed. It is true that in some communities there is much indifference, and perhaps some hostility to things Catholic; there is very little of it, as far as we know, in our community, and against what there is we are constantly. dreaming and hoping and praying forward to a friendliness born of the enlightenment of a better day. But, discounting it all, we sibility of abuse. Then its work is evil. It may surely still believe that a Catholic service of episcopal consecration will be of great. interest to many thousands of our citizens The Catholic Press must be at all times the Bishop to be consecrated has been for a producer of sunshine. The very word many years known and loved for an unsel-

filled with expressions of gladness, of congratulation and of praise from the lips of citizens in general, an extraordinary large number of them non-Catholic, both clergymen and laymen. Surely we may believe that these men represent an interest that to the Church and to society. Come what day, in the press, there was announcement that certain pews in the Cathedral were to be reserved, not alone for representative public offices and civic bodies of all kind, but invitation sent to them to be present, surely we may know that there will be interest in the event among people of the churches they represent. Many, therefore, of every class, creed and condition, Catholic, Jew and Protestant, will hear the broadcast of our Rochester Cathedral service on March nineteenth. We hope that they will find it interesting and inspiring.

Why Wait Till Death?

The will of a Louisville attorney who left which an auspicious one. Our hope and prayer is out vilence, with, of course, the unseen but that this bleasing and approval will brighten that this bleasing and approval will brighten that this bleasing and approval will brighten the that this bleasing and approval will brighten the that this bleasing and approval will brighten the the that the blease of cordial friendship and that we will merit the but under God through the genius, the genius and laty of the Diocese. several million dolars to - charity and the