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#### Consecration of Bishop O'Hern

The consecration of Bishop O'Hern is an vent of unusual importance to an unusually arge number of people of different groups. There will be no parents present eagerly-waiting through the long service to be the first to receive a son's episcopal benediction; they will be looking down upon him from leaven with love and pride, and with s benediction of their own.

But other relatives will be there, among them sisters and brothers all bound to one another and to him in a union that is uniquely beautiful among even the strongest ind tenderest family unions. Their gladness will be too deep to find a way to the surface of expression. His fellow-citizens will br shere, inveitably only through some few representatives from various civic groups with which he has come in contact, and in many of which he has served as a lover of the culture, welfare and progress of his city. They also will be glad.

Representatives of our sisterhoods will

coming of our second Bishop, the beloved 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 forgetting that Bishop O'Hern-and he would be the first to tell us not to forget-is not the only priest of the Diocese 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 administration. Perhaps he had never voiced it even in the inner shrine of his own mediothers; but in that sublimate moment, because he was what he was, and had done to the Bishop of the Diocese. 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 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 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, where in larger opportunities of service, of taking upon merely human shoulders a burden too great to hear. altar of an overconscientious and over-constant devotion to duty; we are not minded to 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 zeal ever be accompanied by a discretion that will remind him of the fact that while the soul is immortal, the body is not!

# Catholic Courier and Journal, Friday, March 15, 1929.

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

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 priests and prominent laymen, 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 earnestly 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 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 lie laymon who have assumed the entire responsibility for its financial success. The editing of the paper and consorship of its contents will be entirely in control of priests appointed by and responsible

> Yours Sincerely in Christ, JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D. D., **BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.**

## All Authority is from God.

Lawfully constituted authority must be some eclipse in celebration this year, from obeyed and respected. This has always been the teaching of the Catholic Church. In fulfilling her mission to teach all peoples she has never slighted or misrepresented this command from God. In explaining this law the Church always placed on her members both lay and cleric the obligation and duty of praying for those in authority. In this manner must they manifest definitely their respect. Recall the teaching received by you on the Fourth Commandment.

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 sysdominant color, because green is the color of old Ireland, for all that the flag of the Iwish know State has upon it clas owners and 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 posbe there, many Sisters among them who place give expression also to a feeling of changed in the greenest of green cards, with sesses mighty power. He is responsible to small number of them can be present within God and to the people, in the exercise of this power. He is human. Hence the danger. Apparent then is the wisdom of the Church when she commands her members to pray 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 him. But what is more, we pray always that under God he may be guided in the ways of justice, righteousness and truth. Prescinding from the machinery of any party affiliations, in this way do we meet the repot of other nations all over the earth, and quirements of a practical Catholic and a good citizen.

## Telephone Main 1567

## The Consecration and the Radio

Whether or not the consecration ceremony 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 most instances, 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 g00**d**.

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 withsmall number of them can be present within the Cathedral of consecration. Their minds and hearts are stretching out in an intense interest unto the event especially when it is 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 advan-

## Saint Patrick

Although St. Patrick's Day must suffer its conjunction with Passion Sunday, we must not altogether neglect to pay tribute to the great Apostle of Ireland. And we would pay the tribute not merely because Patrick was Apostle of Ireland, but also, and even especially because he was one of the greatest Saints the Church ever knew, and perhaps one of the greatest men the world ever knew!

with decorations in which green is the pre-

personal kindliness, and wrinessed the evidences of his enthusiastic devotion to Catholic education. Theirs will be the gladness of beings deeply spiritual who will look quite through all the pomp and circumstance of the sublime Church ritual the while they will, with souls rapt heavenwards, envision the consecration itself.

His fellow-priests will be there, and many bishops; archbishops also, two of them old and true and dear friends to him and to us all; and the beloved Cardinal-Archbishop of New York, fellow-student in old Troy to many Rochester priests, and now towering in power and eminence among the highest peaks of the sublime range of the princes of the Church. All they will be glad not only to see the service of a faithful priest rewarded and enlarged, but also to welcome a new Knight into the Chivalry of the King M Kings a new Bishop into God's Church; and that, thank God, with the elevation of als predecessor, and not his death!

In all, this we have not mentioned the great body of the Catholics of Rochester. the city and the Diocese. Comparatively very few of them can be present at the consecraion service, and it is good to learn that the new Bishop, out of his kindly thought for the people, has promised at least two pontheal services for them in the near future. They greeted the annoucement of Monsigfor O'Hern's elevation to the episcopate with a mighty universal chorus of gladness, which there was not the least discordant inter the reasons for this are obvious, most them based on a sure knowledge that ther O'Hern has been a priestly man and manity priest; a man gifted with great powers, not the least among them and a sense of humor that sectimed into the supernatural by his the pondence with every grace of God, the demands of dignity conferred upon him-a the uttermost devoted to his priestly it to the general service of humanity designation of him as "Father" in cone years a Monsignor, was not the pen. "Father" is the priest's t. Let us, however, dwell two of the reasons why the side of Monsignor in our own. For all that he are, he has lived nearly all

A boy he came to St. and save for brief vaat ar ays been in Rochesie a short priestly always been a cit

> our country strangers. to which

#### **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 stand for clean and wholesome civic ideals, for honesty in public and private life, for 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 welcome in every Catholic home in the Diocese priesthood, he thought constantly and kindly of Rochester; that it will be read with appreciation and inspiration, and that it will be a power for real good in the carrying of Catholic news, Catholic thought, ideals and truths into the homes of all our people. 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!

#### Consolidated

The Catholic Journal, founded by the late Edward J. Ryan in 1889, and edited ize Ireland, Patrick presented himself to and published by him through all the intervening years, until his death on December 9th, 1928, has been taken over by the Cath- the story of a hundred miracles. Perhaps

script and pictures ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous. There will be special events at which the favors will be symhear many a concert that will specialize in We have already placed one victim upon the the dear, sweet melodious songs of Ireland. At banquets speeches will be made, eulogistie of Ireland's contribution to the melting especially in our own United States. Most 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 to justice and liberty about the heart of the world!

We may not here, and could not if we 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 love that Christ taught the world. It will the boy had the advantage of all the culture of his time that was suited to his age, and especially the culture of Religion. Violence carried him from his home and sold him into slavery. There is no evidence that he was treated unkindly; on the contrary, the fact that after his escape, and especially during the years of his preparation for the of the strange peoples of his captivity, is evidence that they had been kind to him and that he had learned to love them.

The story of his return to Ireland is a beautifully romantic and dramatic one. He could have remained in cultured and comfortable Southern Europe. His native genius, great knowledge and sublime character would have carried him far upon the pleasant paths of achievement and preferment. But he heard forever the voice of music entrancing and inescapable; and for

all that a Palladius had failed to Christian-Rome for a commission to be its Apostle. The story of the slave's return as Bishop is

## Let in the Sunshine

We know that oGd's sunlight is a necessary condition for healthful growth. Were

you ever in a damp, dark, musty room? How long could you stand it? Do you think that you would grow healthy and strong there? 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 possibility of abuse. Then its work is evil. It is transformed into an agency not of sunshine but of darkness.

termines the nature of its work, designates good cause. the dignity of its mission. It goes into the most sacred social abode of life, the home. the peddler, but as the friend, the physician, 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 is fit to print, but rather that news which is fit to read.

It has a duty and obligation to the home, unit by permeating the whole mass with a philosophy of life thoroughly Christ-like.

## Our Consecration Edition

This number of the Catholic Courier and olic Courier and Journal, Inc., consolidated they did not all happen, although the writ-dedicated to our beloved Bishop, Rt. Rev. 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 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 Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, Bishop of genuine, sincere and universal, in the life-Rochester. A happy beginning, indeed, and time of one missionary, accomplished with-and of pride in the fact that, at last, the an suspicious one! Our hope and prayer is out vilence, with, of course, the unseen but Diocese of Rochester has its own official that this bleasing and approval will brighten unconquerable artillery of the powers of God, paper. Everywhere our representatives were the Church in Santa Fe., New Mex formula friendship not only of our beloved prayer, the self-sacrifice, the patience and aim to live up to the expectations of our wealth before death obliviate a suits and the resulting publicity.

tage. 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 We need sunshine to bring the color to the much indifference, and perhaps some hoscheek, the brightness to the eye, and the tility 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 may surely still believe that a Catholic serv-

ice 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-Catholic which qualifies, specifies and de- fish, devoted and untiring service to every

About the time of the announcement of It comes not as the agent, the intruder or many columns of all our newspapers were 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 is general throughout our city. The other may in the current events and happenings of that certain pews in the Cathedral were to life, the Catholic Press can never lose sight be reserved, not alone for representative of these objectives. Its sunlight must public offices and civic bodies of all kind, but brighten the home by making better the also for representatives of the non-Catholic lives of those within. Its rays must promote clergy of Rochester, including a Jewish rabbi the growth and development of Christ's and Episcopal Bishop of this district. By Ireland calling, calling, calling unto him to 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 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 several million dolars to charity and the Church is being attacked. Attempts are being made to block a bequest of \$100,000 to the Church in Santa Fe., New Mexico; Hene-factors who dispose of their superfluors i esti