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Consecration of Bishop O'Hern

The consecration of Bishop O'Hern is an event of unusual importance to an unusually large number of people of different groups.

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.

Representatives of our sisterhoods will be there, many Sisters among them who have taught for him in our schools.

His fellow-priests will be there, and many bishops; archbishops also, two of them old and dear friends to him and to us all.

In all, this we have not mentioned the great body of the Catholics of Rochester, the city and the Diocese.

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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.

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.

In the second place, he has chosen for his motto "Servire regnare est." Whatever may be the official translation of that, it emphasizes service.

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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.

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 business side of the "Catholic Courier and Journal" has been carefully provided for by Catholic laymen who have assumed the entire responsibility for its financial success.

Saint Patrick

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About this time the shops are brilliant with decorations in which green is the predominant color, because green is the color of old Ireland.

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.

Let in the Sunshine: We know that God's sunlight is a necessary condition for healthful growth. Were you ever in a damp, dark, musty room?

The story of his return to Ireland is a beautifully romantic and dramatic one. He could have remained in cultured and comfortable Southern Europe.

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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.

The radio is rapidly becoming the chief medium for the dissemination of communicable thought and emotion, whether vocal in song and speech, or instrumental.

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.

However, there is no question in any Catholic 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.

Also, the consecration of a Bishop is an event of great importance to his fellow citizens in general, independently of their creed.

About the time of the announcement of Bishop O'Hern's election to the episcopate many columns of all our newspapers were filled with expressions of gladness, of congratulation and of praise from the lips of citizens in general.

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