

"In vain will you found nations and build altars, if you do not love me, says the Lord, and I will be angry with you, and I will forsake you." — Pope Pius X.

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The Right Reverend John Francis O'Hern, D.D. Consecrated Third Bishop of Rochester at Impressive Ceremonial, March 19

Patrick Cardinal Hayes Officiated at Ceremony Of Majestic Splendor

St Patrick's Cathedral Packed by Clergy and Laity, and Thousands Stand in the Streets

Whole Diocese Rejoices In Elevation of Bishop

Three Archbishops, Twenty-One Bishops, Hundreds of Priests and Many Sisters

"We pledge service to our clergy and laity, to all our brethren, Catholic and non-Catholic, rich and poor, young and old; yea, to the chosen ones of Christ, the sick and the dying, we pledge it in the name of Christ, the King and Saviour."

With this golden promise by John Francis O'Hern, made on Tuesday morning, March 19, as he occupied the throne immediately after his consecration in St. Patrick's Cathedral as the third Bishop of Rochester, the reign of this beloved religious leader began auspiciously. His words echoed throughout the sacred walls of the Cathedral, and were carried by the radio to the outside world, a pledge and a promise that reflect the soul of the new bishop of Rochester.

There was a great crowd at the consecration ceremony. All city and county officials were there; several hundred priests and sisters; several hundred students from St. Bernard's Seminary and St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary; hundreds of personal friends of the new Bishop, representing all creeds, races and peoples; invited representatives, lay and clerical of non-Catholic churches, Jewish rabbis, the Salvation Army, and others. It was a congregation that represented all people of the city and of the Diocese, and that represented, too, the fine spirit of neighborly friendship and good-will that has been evident towards Bishop O'Hern ever since his selection for the high office he now holds in Mother Church.

A police escort, mounted and on foot, under Chief Andrew Kavanaugh, Inspector Henry T. Copenhagen and other officials kept excellent order in the big crowd, and assisted in the arrangements for the seating and the procession. Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, in full regalia, acted as ushers under the direction of Chairman Frank J. Smith. They did splendid service, prompt and courteous in their work. The Knights of St. John, in full military uniforms, under the command of Brigadier General Frank H. Biel and Col. Joseph H. Weis, formed a Guard of Honor and added much to the impressive spectacle of the procession of priests and prelates from the Cathedral School to the Cathedral itself.

The weather was ideal. Heaven seemed to put out a glorious welcome to the hierarchy and to the great multitude that assembled for the ceremony. The balmy Spring air seemed radiant with religious joy. Soft breezes wafted through the majestic trees near the Cathedral, and the sunlight brightened and blessed the whole atmosphere.

Cathedral Beautiful Sight
The Cathedral, newly decorated under the direction of the rector, Rev. Charles F. Shay, presented a beautiful and appealing spectacle. It was adorned by the Papal colors, intermingled with American flags. Pure white lilies were on the main altar. The scarlet and carnation hues of the prelates' robes contrasted strikingly, making a scene of rare beauty, impressive and unforgettable.

The congregation filled every available bit of space in the Cathedral and chapel, and overflowed far into the streets, where the people heard, reverently, the entire ceremony from loud speakers installed at the front of the edifice. Rev. Leo C. Mooney made the announcements, and the entire ceremony was broadcasted through WHAM throughout and beyond the Diocese of Rochester, and far beyond State of New York.

Rev. W.M. Cassidy Died Suddenly

Rev. William M. Cassidy, assistant rector of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, died suddenly in St. James Mercy Hospital in that city at 11:45 last Sunday morning while visiting a sick parishioner in the hospital. Heart disease was the cause.

Father Cassidy was formerly assistant priest at St. Mary's Church in Rochester, and at the Holy Apostles and Holy Rosary Churches. He also served as an assistant at Mount Morris and Seneca Falls. Five years ago he went to Hornell. He was forty years of age and was born in Corning. He was educated in Corning High School, Niagara University and at St. Bernard's Seminary, where he was ordained in 1915. He celebrated his first mass in St. Mary's Church, Corning.

When America entered the World War, Father Cassidy enlisted as an Army Chaplain and served throughout the war. He was chaplain of the Arthur H. Cunningham American Legion Post at Hornell, and was greatly interested in the Legion and its work, and was well beloved by all classes of people.

Two funeral masses were celebrated for Father Cassidy, one in Hornell on Wednesday morning, and the other in Corning on Thursday morning. The Hornell church was packed to the doors at the Wednesday funeral service. All creeds and classes of people were there, and the sorrow of the people was genuine. A solemn high requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Francis J. Naughten pastor of St. Ann's Church, with Rev. Dennis Bustin of Susquehanna, Pa., as deacon; Rev. Cornelius Sikke of Reville, as addition, master of ceremonies.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. George F. Kettell of Rochester, state chaplain of the American Legion, and it was a fine tribute to Father Cassidy, his life and work. The Hornell Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America and American Legion were present in a body. There were many priests in the sanctuary, and the following priests acted as honorary pallbearers: Fathers Charles Riefer, Leo V. Smith, D. J. Duggan, John Campion, J. V. Curtin, and S. H. Haughton. Honorary pallbearers from Arthur H. Cunningham American Legion Post were Harry G. Tolan, John W. Gould, Alexander Davidson, M. R. Johnson, Archie L. Blades and John J. Casey. Bears for the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus were J. H. Mahoney, George H. Sexsmith, Thomas Tolan, Charles J. Tanner, Dominic Morey, Earl Tucker.

The body of Father Cassidy was taken to Corning after the funeral service in Hornell, and was accompanied by many friends. A solemn high requiem mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Corning, at 10 A. M., Thursday morning. Rev. William M. Hart, Vicar General of the Diocese, represented Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Hern at the service, and there many priests present. The church was filled to capacity, many of the leading citizens of Corning being present to pay tribute to one of whom they were proud and whom they loved for his manly worth and priestly character. Interment was made at Corning.



Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D.

Highest Education Urged for Clergy

London, March 20.—Because "the man in the street nowadays is far better informed than was his father," the parish clergy in this country must receive an education of the highest possible quality, states Archbishop Downey of Liverpool in a pastoral letter.

He asks his people to make a special effort to provide more money for the education of Church students. "Nowadays," writes the Archbishop, "the standard of education in elementary schools is high, while an astounding degree of proficiency is regularly attained by the secondary schools of this country. Again, increasing numbers are flocking to the universities, and everywhere there is evidence of a renaissance of learning."

"Added to all this there is the power of the press, which, in addition to keeping men and women informed of the events of the day and hour, disseminates informative articles on every conceivable topic within the range of human knowledge. Everywhere in this country, on the bookshelves, it is possible to procure at modest cost eminently readable books, written by experts, on every branch of the arts and sciences. General knowledge is at once more thorough and more widespread than a generation ago. In these days every public speaker is well aware of the danger of finding among a popular audience a critical expert on the very theme of his address."

This being so, says Archbishop Downey, "today more than ever it is of vital importance that those who are preparing for the priesthood should be thoroughly grounded in general culture, as well as efficiently equipped with the special knowledge required of a Minister of the Gospel."

Catholic Ousted In Manchester

London, March 21.—Trouble in the Labor party organization in the city of Manchester, due to the expulsion of a Catholic member, has produced such reaction that the executive of the National Labor party had the matter under review at a meeting just held here.

The party decided to send representatives to have a round-table discussion with representatives of the Manchester Borough Labor party and the Miles Platting divisional labor party, both concerned in the dispute, in the hope of producing peace before the matter is allowed to have its influence on voting in the coming general election.

The trouble started at a Catholic meeting some weeks ago in Manchester, held to demand justice for Catholic children in a matter in which, it was claimed, the local education committee was seeking to override their rights. Councillor Lundy, a member of the Manchester Borough Labor party and a Catholic, spoke at the meeting. The meeting was held in a ward in which J. M. Larrard, also a member of the party, was seeking re-election to the city council. Mr. Larrard had previously voted in the city council for the proposal against which Councillor Lundy protested.

Mr. Larrard was defeated and the Manchester Borough Labor party brought its guns to bear upon Councillor Lundy for having, presumably, contributed to the defeat. Councillor Lundy was expelled from the party. The Miles Platting divisional party demanded his reinstatement, and interest in the matter has manifested itself in several other centers.

Archbishop Hickey's Masterful Sermon

Predecessor of Bishop O'Hern Tells of Divine Origin of the Church and Pays Tribute to Bishop O'Hern

The consecration sermon was preached by Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., and it was a masterful and eloquent sermon. The presence of Archbishop Hickey was a labor of love for his life-long friend, Bishop O'Hern, and his sermon added much to the impressive and inspiring spirit of the occasion. He said in part:

"The initial act of the reading of the Papal bulls was expressive of so much. As we listened to the reading of that message from across the sea in this Cathedral in Rochester, we were in spirit carried to the throne of Peter and in faith waited before the Vicar of Christ, heard him, the Father of all Christendom, declare, who alone could say, that this priest be made bishop. Our thoughts went past the present and carried over the centuries of time, and we stood on the banks of the Galilee. And we heard the words of the text: 'All powers are given to me in Heaven and on Earth.'"

"These words were spoken hundreds of years ago. Who spoke them? He who was the infant at Bethlehem. He who as a boy of 12 confounded the wise men in the Temple. He who walked across the angry waters, who gave sight to the blind, speech to the dumb. He who stood before the tomb of Lazarus and commanded him to rise from the dead. He who on Calvary made himself a victim for mankind and died to save the world, and who on Easter morning came forth from the tomb, glorious and victorious, who brought Thomas to put his hands into his wounds; He who said to Peter, 'Upon this rock I will build my church; He who exhibited beyond prejudice to any human mind the fact of his divine power.

The Church is of God. "This, dearly beloved in Christ, is the founder of the Catholic Christian Church. He founder was divine, she is divine in origin, and her soul is indestructible. The Catholic Church is an institution of power, but not of man. This act today is not of human institution but of God. If it were of man, it would merely be a beautiful piece of pageantry pleasing to the eye and thrilling to the beholder. Its authority is derived from Christ in the power which he gave to Peter and the other Apostles and which has come to us through the Apostolic succession. His Church is

an institution of influence, life-giving. "It is an intellectual power as in the days of Saint Paul, for the smallest catechism contains more wisdom than the biggest volume of unbelieving philosophy. "There is nothing mysterious about the influence of the Pope, the bishop, and the priest. There would be, but that they speak with divine authority. Let me say to the world that it is not a subservient submission, but a submission in faith, founded and strengthened in faith.

"Today you witness an act in which the Church seems to exhaust her power and beauty. She places on the finger of the new bishop the ring of his espoused Church, inserts in his hand, the staff, places the book upon his shoulders, and bids him go to preach the Gospel to all men."

Grateful for Loyalty
Bishop Hickey then welcomed Patrick Cardinal Hayes to Rochester, reviewed the history of the Rochester Diocese and the work of the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, D. D. "I take this occasion," he continued, "to render to the clergy and laity loyalty that has been shown me for years, an expression of my appreciation, and to tell them that in my dying hour it will always be held by me in cherished memory."

"Today," Bishop O'Hern, by the grace of God you are elevated Bishop of Rochester. I know that the clergy and laity will be loyal to you as they have been to us. May you, dear bishop, receive from God this day the full unction of the Holy Spirit, may you have the seal of a Paul, the courage of an Ambrose, and the sweetness of a Francis. May Saint Joseph guard you and protect you as he did the Holy Family. May he watch over you to the very end. May God bless you and may the church of Rochester give glory to God and blessings to the world."

Anthropologists To Meet April 2

Washington, March 21.—The program for the fourth annual meeting of the Catholic Anthropological Conference, to be held at the Catholic University of America here, April 2, has just been announced.

There are to be but two sessions of the meetings—one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Only four speakers are scheduled to present papers. The morning will open with the delegates devoting their attention to business matters. After these have been disposed of, the Rev. Bernard Hall, O. F. M., will present a paper on "The Religion of the Navajo Indians," and the Rev. Dr. John M. Cooper, Professor of Anthropology at the Catholic University of America and the secretary-treasurer of the Conference, a paper on "The Origin of Religion."

The Rev. Alphonse M. Schwitalla, S. J., of St. Louis University, "Racial Traits in the Light of Recent Theories in Heredity;" and, the Rev. Carlo Crespi, of the Salesian Fathers of Don Bosco, "The Jivaro Indians of the Upper Amazon."

Father Crespi's part in the program will be something of an innovation at the annual meetings of the Conference, since it will feature six reels of excellent motion pictures dealing with the topic on which the priests-scientist is to speak. Father Crespi has spent six years in field study of the Jivaro, and today is regarded by his associates as the most authoritative scientific source on these highly important and interesting people. Father Crespi was detailed to a study of the people by his Superior General.

Holy Name Society Florida Officers

Tampa, Fla., Mar. 21.—Betty E. Hernandez, of St. Augustine, was elected president of the Holy Name Society of the Diocese of St. Augustine, at the convention of that organization just held here. Other officers elected were: Judge David J. Hefferman, Coral Gables, first vice-president; Rosco Marsicano, Tampa, second vice-president; Bernard J. Nordman, de Land, secretary; J. A. Purcell, Jacksonville, treasurer, and J. T. O'Mara, Lake Wales, marshal. The Rev. P. J. McGill was reappointed spiritual advisor, by the Rt. Rev. Patrick Barry, bishop of St. Augustine.

The convention opened in the morning in the grounds of Our Lady of Mercy Church with a Mass conducted by Bishop Barry for more than 1,000 persons.

Noted English Jesuit Lectures In New York

New York, March 21.—The Rev. Francis Woodlock, S. J., noted English Jesuit, lecturer at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, delivered a lecture yesterday on "Lourdes and Modern Miracles of Healing."

Father Woodlock has lectured on Lourdes in many cities of Europe. Recently at the Mansion House in London he gave this lecture before a representative gathering of medical men, many of whom were non-Catholics, and all were deeply impressed with the lecturer's thoughtful exposition of the facts surrounding the various cases, and his opinion based on these facts, as to the nature of the cures.

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