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(Continued from Page 14) My second remark is merely the expression of an obvious but by no means negligible truth.

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It is that in planning supplementary organizations for any particular phase of Catholic work, we should not lost sight of the constitutional organization of the Church which is divided into ecclesiastical provinces, dioceses and parishes.

These are the essental working units of Church administration. In a particular way the strength of the parish unit has been a noteworthy feature of the growth and prosperity of the Church in this country, and it behooves us ever to guard against weakening its practical working force:

We all know, of course, that there are approved societies and movements which transcend parochial and diocesan lines, but they have specificially defined objectives which must ever be kept in view and pursued with due regard to the essential interests of the parish and the diocese.

Parish, a Unit

The individual Catholic's immediate church affiliation is membership in his parish and the obligations of that membership constitute, in a very true sense, his first duty of corporate church activity. It is one thing, however, to say that his duty begins with the parish and quite another to assert that it ends there.

Prophetic voices are raised from time to time among us to decry the evils of exaggerated and exclusive parochialism, and it is easy to admit that in given instances these evils may be real. But in applying the remedy, it seems to me, we should beware lest, in attempting to pull out the cockle, we uproot the wheat.

The ideal, it strikes me, would rather be for the pastor and his parishioners to realize that their parish forms part of a larger unit with larger duties and responsibilities which they should share and for the Bishop with his priests and people to realize that the diocese forms part of a larger unit with larger duties and responsibilities which they, too, should share.

For my own part, I am confident that the pastors of this diocese and their people will support me in discharging the responsi-bilities of the diocese as a part of this ecclesiastical province, as part of the Church in America and as a part of the church universal

In turn I assure you that in seeking to enlist your co-operation for what may be termed diocesan projects.

I shall consider that the parish unit is the proper and at the same time the most effective agency through which to reach you. Work Together

In conclusion let me repeat here what I said in the Cathedral this morning, that I am here simply to take up and carry on the manifold activities which engaged the fine powers and wide sympathies of your beloved Bishop O'Hern when he was so suddenly late Bishop John Francis O'Hern and, humanly speaking so prematurely, stricken by the hand of tron March 1923 until May, 1933. death. It shall be my duty to cultivate with tender cars what he From May until Archbishop Moomey's planted and to study with ready sympathy what he planned. I cannot, of course, presume to fill the place which almost life-the diocese.

long familiarity with the varied interests of this community in so far as they touch the work of the Catholic Church had gained for Bishon Mooney was educated in . St him; but I can assure you of a ready willingness to serve and a deepfelt consciousness of the responsibilities of the office I have today assumed.

And may God bless us and help us all to work together not only effectively but with sympathetic understanding and mutual goodwill



Rochester united in doing honor o the Most Rev. Edward Mooney, D.D., upon his installation as Bishop of the Rochester Diocese, last Thurs-

learned, plous, pure, with training equivalent to that of a Doctor of Divinity or Doctor of Canon Law.

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As the processional wended its way It is held by six subjects of the Britslowly from the Rectory to the por-tals of St. Patrick's Cathedral, it was prince and two of them dukes as



of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, served as vicar general under the

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