

Chancellor of the Diocese Distinguished in Service



Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan



HANCELLOR of the Diocese of Rochester and pastor of St. Monica's Church, the Rt. Rev. William F. Bergan has experience gained through work for the Church and humanity in widely diversified fields. A native of Auburn, N. Y., his preliminary education was obtained there. He attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary, and was ordained to the priesthood June 9, 1917. Fourteen years as a member of the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary followed, after which he was made chaplain of Auburn State Prison on July 1, 1931, doing much for its inmates. Archbishop Edward Mooney appointed Father Bergan Vice Chancellor of the diocese on February 1, 1935. He was named Chancellor on January 8, 1936. In June, 1937, Pope Pius XI elevated Monsignor Bergan to the rank of Domestic Prelate in the Papal Household. In September of last year Bishop James Edward Kearney appointed him a member of the Board of Diocesan Consultors. Monsignor Bergan was made pastor of St. Monica's Church in May of the present year—following the death of its pastor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Brophy—meanwhile continuing his diocesan duties. In addition to his other and manifold duties, Monsignor Bergan is vice-president of the Catholic Courier. Deeply interested in its progress, he gives to it the understanding advice and encouragement which mark every cause enlisting his aid. Knowing humanity intimately, he impresses that humanity upon its pages.

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