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### The DIOCESE and Its Churches

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cluded Saints Peter and Paul, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Andrew's, Church of the Sacred Heart, St. Augustine's, Mount Carmel, St. Lucy's, Holy Rosary, St. Patrick's at Seneca Falls; St. Alphonsus at Auburn; St. Casimir, Elmira; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, Brockport; St. Nicholas in Remington Street, Rochester; St. Stanislaus.

Among the parishes founded by him were: St. Lucy's, Mt. Carmel, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Theodore's, St. Margaret Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The episcopate of Bishop Hickey was marked by development of the Church and its institutions in spiritual and material aspects—an increase in the number of priests and other religious, a larger number of churches, schools and members of the laity.

#### BISHOP'S HOUSE

During his episcopate the house at 947 Dewey Avenue was purchased and has since been used as the Bishop's House.

Mercy High School for Girls, located at 1137 Blossom Road, was established and is being conducted by Sisters of Mercy.

In 1928 Bishop Hickey asked the Holy Father to be relieved of the heavy responsibilities as Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester. His resignation was accepted, and he became Archbishop of the Titular See of Viminacium.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John Francis O'Hern, who was at that time Vicar General of the Diocese, was named by the Holy Father as Apostolic Administrator, remaining until March 19, 1929 when he was consecrated as the third Bishop of Rochester.

Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York was the consecrator, and the ceremony at the old Cathedral attracted a great number of people—Archbishops and Bishops from many cities, distinguished citizens of all creeds.

From the time that the colorful procession started toward the Cathedral—and long before—crowds inside and outside of the church waited eagerly to catch a glimpse of the beloved central figure in the ceremony; to hear what was said and see what was done.

#### ACTIVE CAREER

The short episcopate of four years which was to follow was marked by intensive zeal that extended to all parts of the diocese and sought for the most effective uses of churches, schools and institutions and the upbuilding of the Catholic faith.

These were the early depression years.

Bishop O'Hern had to face all of the difficult problems which had been created because of the financial stress. Nevertheless, he carried out a \$1,000,000 building program, which extended to all parts of the diocese.

Some of this work included projects prepared before he became Bishop.

It was characteristic of Bishop O'Hern that, when honored by his former parishioners of Corpus Christi Church at a gathering in 1929 just as he was entering upon the duties as head of the diocese, he made this statement: "I have taken as my motto 'to serve is to reign' and every day of my life I shall try to abide by that motto; to do good to rich and poor, sick and well, priests and people."

He followed those precepts faithfully.

Taking part in a large number of ceremonies; active in all of the pressing duties of Bishop of the Diocese, he gave them the full measure of devotion.

During the first year of his episcopate, the National Council of Catholic Men held its meeting in Rochester, taking up many of the problems which were confronted churches and the people throughout the country. In connection with this was held a regional meeting of the Catholic Conference on Industrial Problems.

Bishop O'Hern had an active part in the deliberations, helping to settle some of the problems.

During his administration many Papal honors were conferred upon members of the clergy in the Diocese of Rochester, and to a number of the laity as well.

The Columbus Building, on Chestnut Street was taken over as a Civic Center and its use for Catholic activities extended.

After four years as head of the diocese, Bishop O'Hern died May 22, 1933. A brief illness preceded his passing, but his death came as a shock to the people.

#### A CITY MOURNS

Perhaps no greater tribute of affection and sorrow has ever been paid to a son of Rochester than that which marked the death of the beloved spiritual leader of the Catholic people of this diocese.

Patrick Cardinal Hayes, close personal friend, came from New York to pontificate at Solemn High Mass of Requiem at the Cathedral.

Thousands of persons—Catholics, Protestants and Jews—gathered in the vicinity of the Cathedral long before the time for the funeral services. Rich and poor, the humble and well as many in places of power, wept openly and unashamed because of the passing of a loved friend.

The capacity of the Cathedral was taxed by mourners, and when the cortege moved slowly toward Holy Sepulchre Cemetery thousands stood uncovered in the streets, saddened and silent because one who was a friend to all mankind would no more be among familiar scenes.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Vicar General of the Diocese, became administrator of the diocese following the death of Bishop O'Hern, holding that office until October 12, 1933, when Archbishop Edward Mooney became Archbishop-Bishop here.

#### FORMER DELEGATE

For ten years prior to coming here he had served as apostolic delegate, first to India and later to Japan and was well known throughout the Catholic world.

His installation as fourth Bishop of Rochester, in services conducted at the Cathedral by Patrick Cardinal Hayes of New York, was attended by a notable throng which included many distinguished prelates, laymen and those of other faiths.

Archbishops and Bishops from other cities were among them, and there was profound interest in the ceremony.

One of the first official acts of Archbishop Mooney was the calling of a Diocesan Synod, in which the laws of the diocese were revised and brought up to date.

His episcopate was brief, lasting only four years, but during that time all of the people—members of all faiths—came to know and appreciate the ability, experience and zeal of this learned prelate.

In 1937 the Holy Father made him Archbishop of Detroit.

#### CATHEDRAL SOLD

During the closing week of the episcopate of Archbishop Mooney here, plans had been completed for the sale of the Cathedral property in Platt Street to the Eastman Kodak Company.

Under special authority granted by the Apostolic Delegate, the sale was carried through by Mon-



### "I Remember Way Back When"...

...the loss of reminiscing. He remembers that it was not until 1892, when Rochester's first fire department was organized, that there was even chance of putting out a fire.

...the great flood of '66, when the Genesee overflowed its banks, flooding the central part of Rochester for two days.

...as if it were yesterday, the gala reception accorded William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) when he visited Rochester in '76 to participate in a shooting match.

...he'll tell you about the first photographic film ever made, in the year '34 by the Eastman Kodak Company and about the first public moving picture shown in the Wonderland Theatre in the year '36.

...if you taunt him with remarks about the weather, he'll tell you that you've never experienced a real snowfall like the one he did in 1899, when 43 inches of snow fell in three days.

Accounts of these and other incidents and affairs of interest were found in the columns of the newspapers of that time. The Press formed them, just as it does now, as important a part of daily life as food, clothing and education. It strives to contribute in numerous ways to the welfare of the community at large.

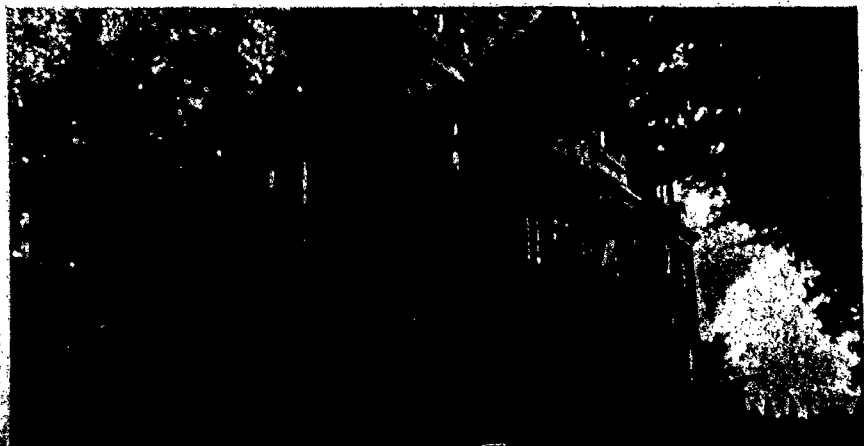
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### HOUSE AND CONVENT AT ALLEGHENY, N. Y.

The Third Order Regular of St. Francis was established in 1929. During the seventy-five years of its existence the community has grown from a small group of Sisters to a community of 120 Sisters. At the present time the community is housed in a large, modern building at Allegeny, N. Y.

acceptance by the Reverend Mother, both schools were opened with eight grades in September, 1930. The Sisters were graciously received by the good people, Reverend Charles Bruton and Reverend Edward Hickey. The past nine years have been very happy and successful ones for the Sisters. During that time Father Hickey has remodelled the convent so that it is now spacious, comfortable, and it has been announced recently by Father Bruton that a new convent in the parish will be ready for occupancy in September of this year. The children have done good work under the Sisters and have won many honors during the years that the community of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis has existed in the Rochester Diocese.