

signor Hart, acting as administrator of the diocese. Arrangements were also completed by Monsignor Hart for the Church of the Sacred Heart in Flower City Park to become the Pro-Cathedral, taking the place of St. Patrick's.

The sale of the latter's property also necessitated removal of the Chancery from its headquarters in Frank Street, and it was transferred to the third floor of the Columbus Building.

The office of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, which had long been at the Chancery, was transferred to the cemetery.

The Most Rev. James Kearney, who was Bishop of Salt Lake City, was appointed by the Holy Father as Bishop of Rochester and his installation at the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart took place on November 11 1937.

NOTABLES PRESENT

Because of illness, Cardinal Hayes was unable to be present and in his stead came the Most Rev. Stephen J. Donohue, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, who conducted the installation in the presence of a distinguished company made up of members of the hierarchy priests and laymen.

Upon the arrival of Bishop Kearney in Rochester a short time previously, thousands of citizens of the city had assembled at the New York Central station to welcome him.

The work of building which predecessors had advanced is now going forward with increased energy; with devoted loyalty of all who help in the work of the church.

The Catholic population of the diocese is now 223,657. It has 129 churches with resident priests, 36 missions with churches and 35 chapels. The total number of young people receiving Catholic education is 26,104.

These are milestones along the way on which early Jesuits started in Western New York. Bernard J. McQuaid, the first Bishop of Rochester, laid well the foundation of an advance which may seem in coming years to have been only a beginning.

THE CHURCHES

PRO-CATHEDRAL

Although young in years, the Pro-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Flower City Park, Rochester, has been the scene of historic events.

Founded in 1910, it was selected as the Pro-Cathedral following the sale of St. Patrick's Cathedral to the Eastman Kodak Company in 1937.

It was here that the Most Rev. James E. Kearney was installed as the fifth Bishop of Rochester on Nov. 11, 1937. Here also have since been other notable events in addition to happenings of interest and import at intervals since the beginning.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns is pastor, with the Rev. John J. O'Beirne, the Rev. A. C. Crimmins and the Rev. John Callahan assistant pastors. Monsignor Burns has been its only pastor.

The lot on the south side of Flower City Park was purchased March 27, 1911; the cornerstone of the building laid July 10, 1911, and the completed edifice was dedicated by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey Nov. 26, 1911.

In 1921 a school annex of six rooms was built, and the Wegman home in Lake Avenue was bought in 1922 for use as a convent.

Ground was broken for the new church on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 1925; the cornerstone was laid that year, and the church was dedicated on the Feast of the Sacred Heart in 1927 by Bishop Hickey.

Masses on Sundays are at the same hours in all seasons—at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi Church, of which the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, V. G., is pastor, was founded in 1888. The record of its achievements, enumerated at its Golden Jubilee in 1938, is well remembered—a brilliant chapter in the history of the Diocese of Rochester.

The Rev. James Leary, who had been pastor of St. Paul's Church at Honeoye Falls, was assigned to the duty of organizing the new church and came to Rochester as its first pastor.

The first meeting of the board of trustees, of which Bishop McQuaid was the head, was held at the home of John Kelly in East Avenue, one of its members. Frank Gallagher was the other lay trustee.

A combination church and school was built in Main Street East; the cornerstone was laid July 8, 1888, and Bishop McQuaid dedicated the church on November 4 of that year.

The parochial school was opened the following year, in charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph, with Sister M. Adelaide the first principal.

Because of the growth of the parish, the Rev. Thomas O'Connor was named assistant pastor.

Father Leary, worn by the hard work of organizing and building the parish, was transferred to St. Mary's Church as pastor in 1901. He died before the close of that year.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Dennis J. Curran, V. G., was the second pastor.

Ground was broken for a new church in 1902. It was dedicated June 14, 1903.

Monsignor Curran died in 1922. He was succeeded by the Rev. John Francis O'Hern, who later became the third Bishop of Rochester, and Monsignor Hart, who had been assistant pastor for twenty years, was made pastor.

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Under the leadership of the beloved Rev. Thomas F. Connors, the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, located at 534 Oxford Street, Rochester, has grown strong and great.

He was its first—and has been its only—pastor.

Thirty-seven years ago, when the eastward sweep of population was creating new streets in this vicinity, it was decided to establish a church there, and Father Connors was assigned to that responsibility.

The first church and school building was dedicated April 13, 1902. It was located in Monroe Avenue.

But growth was rapid, and the second church was erected in Oxford Street and dedicated December 2, 1912, with the old building given over to school purposes.

The first rectory had been built in 1906.

A magnificent school building was erected in 1928 following completion of a second rectory the previous year.

With the convent building soon to be finished the properties of this church will be complete—carrying out the plans of Father Connors during his pastorate.

The Rev. Francis M. Feenev and the Rev. John S. Maloney are assistant pastors.

Masses throughout the year are at 5:15, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 o'clock.

HOLY ROSARY

Holy Rosary Church, located at 414 Lexington Avenue, Rochester, will celebrate its Golden Jubilee next New Year's Day.

Fifty years before—on January 1, 1889—the first church was dedicated by the Most Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid, then Bishop of Rochester. That year the church had been organized as a mission from the Cathedral by the Rev.

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