

# BISHOP KEARNEY

## A Prediction for the Future

The year of 1941 A. D. unfolds in the Diocese of Rochester as one that will go down in history for the monumental works, both spiritually and materially, which will have been accomplished.

Brick, mortar and steel are being fashioned into new churches, new schools and new institutions which will provide for expansion of the wide range of Catholic devotion, Catholic charity and Catholic education for which this diocese has already become widely known.

In West Elmira, the new church edifice of Our Lady of Lourdes is under construction and its completion is eagerly awaited by the parishioners of that newly formed parish.

For the advanced education of young Catholic women, a well-designed and greater Nazareth College is being built at Pittsford. St. Mary's Hospital which is about to have a greatly needed and modernly equipped new hospital building on its Genesee St. site.

A new auditorium and gymnasium for the rapidly increasing demands at Our Lady of Mercy High School, conducted by the Sisters of Mercy on Blossom Road is nearing completion.

The care of dependent children now housed in antiquated St. Mary's and St. Patrick Homes will be developed amid new surroundings on the Clark farm where will be erected the modern cottage homes designed to afford the proper housing and training of these children.

New headquarters for Catholic students attending Cornell University are being planned.

The record for building in this diocese had its beginning with the great Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester. His vision, his indomitable will provided the institutions needed in the pioneer days to launch the spiritual work of the diocese.

Upon his foundations, the saintly Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, the kindly Bishop John Francis O'Hern, the scholarly and efficient Archbishop Edward Mooney carried on, expanding the diocesan program, building for the salvation of souls.

Now another great builder, His Excellency, the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, D. D., Bishop of Rochester during this year of Our Lord, 1941 will direct and inspire the building program which will go down in diocesan annals for its extent and achievement.

The new material construction which is being brought about under the Bishop's guidance this year will be greatly needed to advance the work of Holy Mother the Church in providing the necessary facilities for practicing our Holy Faith, in providing the care so needed for the unfortunate of all ages, in developing sound Christian education of youth, in providing safeguards in an age rampant with paganism.

The heritage of the Diocese of Rochester is continued and persevering effort for the advancement of Christian Doctrine will be put forth.

This year, we are now in, gives promise of innumerable events which will stimulate Catholic practice and increase devotion under persevering leadership and motivated by the Church's highest ideals.



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'A Greater Nazareth' will rise on this spot as His Excellency, Bishop Kearney turns the first spadeful of dirt near the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Pittsford. With the Bishop are the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William F. Bergan and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles F. Shay.



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Bishop Kearney is shown here in informal pose as he reads the CATHOLIC COURIER, official newspaper of the Diocese of Rochester, which will be invaluable to the Bishop as he carries out his episcopal plans for the future.

Among memorable events scheduled for this year will be the Golden Jubilee of the laying of the cornerstone of St. Bernard's Major Theological Seminary — the institution founded by Bishop McQuaid. This will center attention upon the hundreds of Bishops, priests and missionaries who received their training for the Holy Priesthood in this seminary which now is known world-wide because of the accomplishments of its graduates.

Upon the invitation of His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, thousands of fervent young Catholic people will come from all sections of the United States in June. The event will be the Catholic Students Mission Crusade. The zeal for the Catholic missions everywhere, both at home and abroad, to be manifested by these young people will spread throughout the communities in the entire diocese.

Interest will be stimulated here in paying special homage to

Christ in the Holy Eucharist as many plan to attend the National Eucharistic Congress to be held in St. Paul, Minn.

To develop this interest in an especial manner the first diocesan Eucharistic Congress is scheduled for this Fall. In all churches throughout the diocese, services will be carried out to which the faithful will be attracted with the same spirit as those who attended the St. Paul Congress.

This Congress was planned for the Spring but postponed upon the announcement of the National Congress for this Spring.

This article does not pretend to be prophetic. What the remainder of the year holds in store cannot be foretold. It is simply being pointed out here that the year of 1941 will find the Diocese of Rochester building to meet the needs that arise.

The building program will be carried on along the entire diocesan front. In the spiritual phase,

Bishop, priests, Sisters and people will unite to increase devotion, to keep uppermost in the minds of all, the ultimate goal of earthly existence. In the material field will go on the work of providing those necessary structures for carrying on activities to develop good Catholics which will result in good citizens ready to serve their country when the time arises.

Interest of all diocesans is centered in the construction of Nazareth College for Women at Pittsford. The great number who generously gave to the Campaign for the college did so that this diocese would have a suitable institution of higher learning for the young women who leave our high schools.

With ground broken by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, construction is well along on the first of three units which when completed will be another monument to the 87 years of devoted and self-sacrificing work of the Sisters of St. Joseph in the field of Catholic education.

The college building now under construction will comprise the administration offices and classrooms—with study rooms and a capacity of 750 students.

Another building will contain the auditorium on the first floor with stage and a gymnasium and cafeteria will be located on the ground floor.

The third building will be a dormitory with lounges, a kitchen and other facilities that will be required in providing a modern college home for students.

Frank M. Quinlan is architect of the buildings which in material and in design will harmonize with the Motherhouse.

Erection of the complete new St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester will be another event of unusual interest during this year to every one in the diocese.

For 32 years, St. Mary's has been carrying on its spiritual and corporal works of mercy — during recent years in buildings that are aged and inadequate for the demands made.

The new hospital will be of five stories and ground floor, equipped for medical surgical and maternity cases with 300 beds and 50 bassinets.

Joseph P. Flynn is the architect. The building will be erected on the site adjoining the present hospital and Nurses' Home and will be of reinforced concrete with the exterior of brick.

St. Mary's Hospital has a long and brilliant record of service. With the new hospital to be provided with every scientific facility for the care of the sick it will continue its battle against the human misfortunes of illness and provide the spiritual consolations so necessary in combating such misfortunes.

The four-story addition to the plant of Our Lady of Mercy High School being built at a cost of \$350,000 is fast nearing completion. Built of brick it will contain the equivalent of 12 classrooms, including a home economics room, art room, orchestra room, nurses' and doctor's room and counselors' room.

There will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of 1100, a gymnasium that will be ample and contain equipment for carrying on physical education requirements.

The building will double the capacity of this school which has had rapid growth since it was opened in 1923.

With work progressing it is anticipated that the school's commencement exercises will be held in the new auditorium in June and that it will be completely ready in the fall.

Leo J. Ribson is architect for the new auditorium.

Plans are not complete for the building of a centre for Catholic students at Cornell University. This is one of the projects to be developed during the year.

Another important building development will be the construction of cottage homes on the George H. Clark farm in Dewey Avenue which was purchased by the Diocese of Rochester, Dec. 2, 1937.

The opportunity for establishing the children of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Homes and those of the former St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum in homes on the farm came nearer last year as the site of the first two institutions in Main St. West and Clifton St. was sold for use of a department store and gasoline station. In the country location, the advantages of building up to the standard of modern child care will be provided the dependent children.

With the establishment of the new Our Lady of Lourdes parish in West Elmira by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney and the appointment of the Rev. Leo G. Schwab as pastor, steps were taken to erect a new church.

Plans were made for a beautiful church of stone of the English type of architecture seating 600 worshippers and having an assembly hall and basement Haykell and Considine are the architects.

Another new parish which will make progress this year is St. Helen's on Hinesby Road, formerly a mission of St. Augustine's Church. Named pastor by Bishop Kearney, the Rev. John Bercher Sullivan, is ministering to the rapidly growing parish in that section of the diocese.

In the newly created parish of St. Mary Magdalen in Wolcott, a well appointed new church has been dedicated and under the leadership of the Rev. J. Norman Margrett as pastor, the parish is going forward in this new year.

A new church recently dedicated for St. Paul of the Cross parish in Hanover Falls is increasing the devotion in that parish.

One of the cherished dreams of the Rev. Joseph A. Curticione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, a recreation center for children of the neighborhood is about to be realized. The structure will be dedicated by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on March 9 when the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Flanagan, the famed "Father Flanagan of Boys' Town" comes here to speak.

Built by voluntary labor from plans prepared by Frank M. Quinlan, architect, the building with the second floor to be used for an auditorium and the first floor for handball courts and offices, will provide a suitable center for the children.

These and other building projects in process of being planned assure the year 1941 of being a period of continued progress in the Diocese of Rochester.

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