

# State and National Affairs Busy Bishop

## OUR FOURTH AND FIFTH BISHOPS

# 1937 Installation Of Bishop Recalled

ing group of prelates who have conferred such honor upon the See. To that end, I humbly solicit the prayers of the prelates, the religious and my good people of the See of Rochester.

The enviable record of spiritual and material progress which the Diocese of Rochester has enjoyed under Bishop Kearney's leadership attests that his hopes and prayers have been richly fulfilled during the past decade.

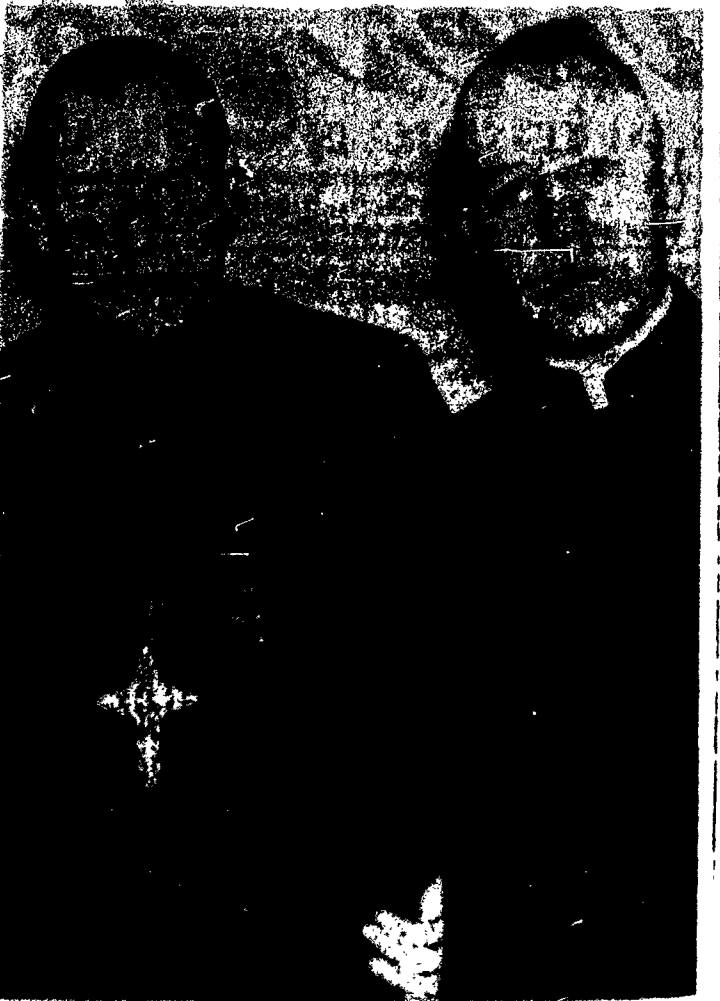
**Auxiliary Bishop Consecrated**

The installation of the new auxiliary bishop of Rochester, James P. Davis, took place at the cathedral here at the installation of Bishop Kearney.

Bishop Kearney through his tireless energy has found it possible during his tenure in Rochester to serve the interests of the Church in the State and Nation as well as in his own diocese.

As episcopal moderator of the National Federation of College Newman Clubs of America he has worked to enhance the spiritual life of Catholic students in the nation's non-Catholic institutions of higher learning.

Addressing the 33rd convention of the National Federation of College Newman Clubs at Houston, Texas, this summer, he explored the religious indifference of so many college campuses and urged Catholic students to become informed about their faith.



Shown with Bishop Kearney, fifth Bishop of the Rochester Diocese, is His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, Archbishop of Detroit whom Bishop Kearney succeeded in the See of Rochester.

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## Belgians Begin Work On Shrine Basilica

Brussels (NC) - The first stone of a basilica in honor of Our Lady of Beaurain was laid today by Bishop Andre Charue of Namur. The ceremonies coincided with the arrival of the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which, on its procession through Europe from Portugal to Rome, is passing through southern Belgium.

The village of Beaurain is near the site of the apparitions of Our Lady, who, 17 years ago, appeared nearly every day of the month of December to four children. The former Bishop of Namur, Msgr. Hollen, was present one evening and prayed the Rosary with the children when one of the apparitions took place.

Bishop Charue has issued a pastoral in which he declared that he started the building of the basilica with the full consent of the Holy Father. Quoting from the allocution of the Pope on the recent occasion of the canonization of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Bishop Charue said that the Saint's writings contain many passages in full accord with Our Lady's message at Beaurain.

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He is a member of the board of directors of the Catholic University of America. He was appointed to this post at the annual bishops' meeting in Washington in 1947.

At the present time he is also a member of the board of the American Home Missions and attended the annual meeting held recently in Chicago.

He sponsored the national convention of the Knights of St. John in his See City of Rochester in June, 1940, and now serves as national chaplain of this well known lay organization.

As Bishop of Rochester he served for three years as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. He is the only Bishop ever to serve in this capacity in New York State. His abilities as a speaker have brought increasing demands for him to address important assemblies throughout the state and nation.

In 1938, on the death of his friend, His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, late Archbishop of New York, Bishop Kearney preached the eulogy at the Children's Mass for the Cardinal.

At the first Pontifical Mass celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman after his return from the historic Consistory which elevated him to the rank of Cardinal, Bishop Kearney was selected to give the sermon of welcome in behalf of the clergy, laity and other bishops of the state.

BISHOP KEARNEY was also selected to deliver the sermon before a distinguished gathering of Church and State dignitaries who attended the Silver Jubilee Mass of Bishop Edmund Gibbons in the state capitol at Albany.

As an alumnus of Fordham University, he was among those prelates who attended the university's centennial rites at which President Truman and Bernard Cardinal Griffin of England were awarded honorary degrees.

Other notable events which saw Bishop Kearney in the role of speaker were the annual Holy Name Rally of the Archdiocese of New York and the graduation exercises of the midshipmen at Annapolis.

# Bishop's Support Aided Diocesan Press Growth

The Rochester Diocese has a Catholic diocesan newspaper unequalled in the United States in proportion to the size of the diocese. It is due in great measure to the support of the present Bishop of Rochester.

From the time of his taking over the See until the present, Bishop Kearney has lent full support to the Catholic Courier-Journal. In July this year he called upon the faithful to donate to a building fund for the Christopher Press, publishing firm of the paper. Response was beyond expectations, over \$33,000.

The Bishop has given full support each year to the circulation campaigns during Catholic Press Month. He supported the Catholic students crusade and later the pastors in their generous cooperation with the paper.

Five years ago the Bishop appointed the Very Rev. Magr John S. Randall as head of the paper. Later he named the Rev. Patrick J. Flynn to the editorial staff and Father Flynn's "On Guard" has become widely known as a defense weapon against attacks on the Church. Next the Bishop named the Rev. Richard T. Torrey to the staff and his radio broadcasts complement the printed word.

As a supplement to the pulpit the Catholic press is now definitely recognized. The Diocese of Rochester has made that recognition practicable with a paper of more than 27,000 circulation. With a complete printing establishment now in operation, the Catholic Courier-Journal, at 35-37 Solo St., Rochester, will be a mecca for Catholic newspaper publishers of the country to view what can be accomplished when Bishop, priests and people work together.

With Bishop Kearney presiding at the throne Bishop Donahue celebrated the Solemn Pontifical Mass following the installation ceremonies.

After the Mass Bishop Kearney delivered his first sermon to his people. Recognizing that many of those who had come to honor him were non-Catholics, he stated:

"The respectful tribute of those outside my faith represents a tribute of respect and honor which a consistent follower of the lowly and humble Christ should trouble to accept were he not conscious that the tribute comes to the high and holy office which he today assumes as the Ambassador of Christ in this community."

Catholic Bishops, he explained at length, are the successors of the Apostles who were divinely appointed by Christ to preach the gospel and rule the Church.

In conclusion he stated that the appreciation "which my lips are eager to express at this time for all of you I must withhold for a more hallowed moment. At my first Mass in the See of Rochester, I shall speak to the Sacred Heart of my Master, for all of you."

Bishop Kearney was born 63 years ago, on October, 1884, at Red Oak, Iowa, the son of William Patrick, Sr., and Rosina O'Doherty Kearney, who were natives of Ireland. At two years of age he moved with his parents to New York City.

After his preliminary studies he attended Teachers College from 1901 to 1903, obtained a teacher's license from the City of New York and taught in Public School 23 from February to June of 1903.

In September of the same year he entered St. Joseph's Seminary at Dunwoodie to prepare for the priesthood. The future Bishop of Rochester was ordained to the priesthood September 19, 1908, and then went to the Catholic University of America for a year of post graduate study.

His first pastoral assignment in the Archdiocese of New York was as assistant curate of St. Cecilia's Church in New York City. Here he remained from 1909 until 1928 when he became founder and pastor of St. Francis Xavier in the Bronx.

During some of these years of parish work he also lectured at Our Lady of Good Counsel Col-

lege at White Plains, N. Y., and served as superintendent of Catholic schools in the Bronx.

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The next highpoint in Bishop Kearney's career came while he was in Detroit for the installation of Archbishop Edward Mooney as Archbishop of Detroit. Archbishop Mooney had been transferred to Detroit from the Diocese of Rochester.

With prelates gathered in Detroit from all parts of the country, word came from Rome that Bishop Kearney had been appointed to the See of Rochester as Archbishop Mooney's successor.

Asked by the press for a statement, Bishop Kearney said:

"I am very much delighted with the appointment with the honor and with the confidence manifested by the Holy See."

"My only hope is to be a worthy successor of the outstanding

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