

# Parish Marks 50 Years Under Same Pastor

Blessed Sacrament parish, Rochester, celebrated its golden jubilee Sunday and at the same time the golden jubilee as pastor of the Rt. Rev. Magr. Thomas F. Connors, founder of the parish.

At a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving presided over by His Excellency Bishop Kearney, Monsignor Connors was celebrated, with more than 1,000 assembled in the church.

The Bishop of Rochester preached the sermon and stressed the spiritual benefits to thousands of persons during the half-century of the parish's existence.

**THE REAL HISTORY** of Blessed Sacrament parish is the Real Presence of Jesus Christ on its altar for the past 50 years, the Bishop said. "We are thankful that God has spared for continued service the personality of a great priest, the founder of this parish, who has led a life of example in teaching the principles of the Church."

The Ordinary was referring to Monsignor Connors who founded the parish in 1901 and is still active as pastor.

"Father Connors has preached the same doctrine for 50 years—the same doctrine that Jesus Christ gave his Apostles," the Bishop continued. "That is why we have today a sense of gratitude for the Church that carries us back to the cradle of Jerusalem to the feet of Christ and His sermon on the mount."

In 50 years of preaching from the Blessed Sacrament pulpit the prelate emphasized "there has been no lashing out with the bigoted tongue which has become the unfortunate curse of our age. There has been no intolerance, nor modification such as is advanced by the prophets of modernism who attack the traditional teachings of the faith. We have heard only the truths of God's word, with no concessions to our modern age."

**THE BISHOP** congratulated the parishioners on the material progress of the parish during the 50 years in which church properties have grown to an estimated million dollar value.

Two of his 12 boys who entered the priesthood assisted Monsignor Connors in the Mass. Dean was the Rev. Walter J. Kohl and Subdeacon, the Rev. William J. Devereaux. Chaplains to the Bishop were the Rev. J. Emmett Murphy and the Rev. John A. Reddington. The Rev. Dr. John E. Maney was master of ceremonies for the Bishop and the Rev. Louis J. Hohman, master of ceremonies in the Mass.

Music was under the direction of Raymond A. Hasenauer of Aquinas Institute. Faculty formed members of the Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly served as an honor guard.

**A GOLDEN JUBILEE** dinner for clergy and religious was held following the Mass. Bishop Kearney and Monsignor Connors spoke on the occasion as did the Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G. The Very Rev. Maynard A. Connel, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, a boy of the parish and long associated with the parish in helping out on

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## Felicitated On 50-Year Pastorate



HALF-A-CENTURY as pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church which he founded, brought from His Excellency Bishop Kearney (right) official and personal congratulations to Monsignor Thomas F. Connors at Mass and dinner Sunday. Lally congratulations were scheduled Thursday of this week. (Courier Staff Photo)

weekends, told highlights of the 50-year-old parish and paid tribute to the pastor. The Rev. Thomas J. Maney was toastmaster.

Monsignor Connors celebrated a Mass for all deceased members of the parish on Monday and for priests and nuns from the parish on Tuesday.

The Golden Jubilee dinner for parishioners was scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 8 in Blessed Sacrament Auditorium and an estimated 700 were expected.

**THE PROGRAM** listed Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Ford as honorary chairmen. Mr. Ford was one of the original ushers in the first church. Invocation was by Father Manley, general chairman on arrangements and assistant pastor of the jubilee church. Toastmaster was John T. Haney, one of the altar boys at the cornerstone laying ceremony in 1901 and a member of the first graduating class.

"Memories" were told by Thomas F. McCarrick, legal counselor for the parish since its founding. In Retrospect was the topic for the Rt. Rev. Magr. William F. Lower, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn and for 20 years associated with the parish.

Monsignor Connors was listed for a response and Benediction was by the Rev. Francis J. Pegg, associate pastor.

## Bishop To Mark 14th Year As Shepherd Of Diocese

Fourteen years as Bishop of Rochester will be marked by His Excellency Bishop Kearney on Sunday, Nov. 11, Armistice Day. The former Bishop of Salt Lake City was installed Ordinary of the Rochester diocese on Nov. 1, 1937, in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Accompanied by a vast throng on arrival in Rochester on Nov. 10, the Bishop has endeavored himself to that many and through more during his leadership of the diocese.

**SPIRITUALLY**, he has increased devotions to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Blessed Mother by encouragement of practices such as the First Friday Clubs, First Saturday Clubs, Corporate Communion and Novenas of Grace. He has also supported the Radio Rosary for Peace during the diocese one of the few such devotions in the country.

In the administrative of the diocese countless improvements have come about. A new college for men, St. John Fisher College is operating. Nazareth College for women has expanded. St. Andrew's Seminary is in a new building and St. Bernard's Seminary continues at its high standard.

This is to be the first of a series of parties scheduled to take place monthly in addition to the regular monthly dinner meetings.

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# Bishop Appoints Dr. Maney To Conduct Pilgrimage To Spain

His Excellency Bishop Kearney named the Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, the Bishop's Secretary, to lead the Rochester Diocesan Pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic Congress scheduled May 27 to June 1, 1952, in Barcelona, Spain.

The Rochester pilgrimage will sail on the American Export Lines SS Saturnia on May 17, arriving at Lisbon, Portugal, on May 25.

Announcing the pilgrimage the Bishop issued the following statement:

"The diocesan pilgrimage to the International Eucharistic Congress has, in my opinion, been well planned and offers prospect for a most enjoyable experience."

"With highlights of Rome, Lourdes, and Barcelona the trip covers a most interesting route and combines most inspiring religious experiences with attractive travel plans."

"The pilgrimage will be led by Dr. Maney, whose years of study on the continent have made the points of interest familiar ground for him. Anyone and everyone interested in a trip abroad will find the pilgrimage a most enjoyable way of making the journey."

A one-day pilgrimage will be made to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine at Fatima on arrival in Lisbon. The party will return to Lisbon to leave for Barcelona arriving in the Congress City on May 26.

The daily program for the six days of the Congress follows:

May 27 Inauguration of the Congress. Solemn reception of His Eminence the Cardinal Legate.

May 28 Dedicated to the Holy Eucharist, Personal and Family



DOCTOR MANEY

Peace, Pontifical High Mass and General Communion for the children.

May 29 Day dedicated to the Holy Eucharist and Social Peace. Masses for the sick and persecuted throughout the world. General Communion of the sick.

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## Cardinal Mooney's 25 Years In Episcopate To Be Observed

Solemn dedication of Detroit Cathedral Church at the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, Nov. 17 will also mark the 25th anniversary in the Episcopate of His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, who was fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.

In observance of the anniversary, His Excellency Bishop Kearney will attend the dedicatory ceremonies in Detroit. A delegation to include the Rt. Rev. Magr. William M. Hart, P.A., V.G., the Rt. Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, who was Archbishop Mooney's secretary when Bishop of Rochester, the Very Rev. James C. McAniff and Rev. Dr. John E. Maney, Bishop Kearney's secretary, is planned for the Detroit observance.

Cardinal Mooney will preside at a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving that will climax the rites of consecration. To mark the Cardinal's silver jubilee, the priest and approximately one million lay Catholics of the archdiocese will present him with a great sprituous bouquet.

**CONSECRATION** of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will take place some four decades after the cornerstone of the structure was laid. The majestic design, crowned by twin towers rising to the height of 133 feet, was conceived in 1913, but many things, including the depression of the early 1930's delayed realization of the plans.

In 1938, shortly after taking up his duties as Archbishop of Detroit, Cardinal Mooney designated Blessed Sacrament Church as the Cathedral, and promised to complete the structure in a manner fitting to its rank. Several years ago the Cardinal commissioned architects to make plans for the restoration and completion of the edifice.

Cardinal Mooney was Apostolic Delegate to Japan on August 28, 1933 when he was appointed fourth Bishop of Rochester. He succeeded the late Bishop John Francis O'Herr.

**THE ARCHBISHOP** was installed as Bishop of Rochester by His Eminence the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, on Oct. 12, 1933. After serving as the Shepherd of this diocese for more than three-and-a-half years, Archbishop Mooney was named to head newly created Archdiocese of Detroit on June 1, 1937.

Prior to serving as Apostolic Delegate to Japan to which he was named on Feb. 25, 1931, the present Cardinal Archbishop of



CARDINAL MOONEY

Detroit was Apostolic Delegate to India, the first American ever to receive such an honor and before that was spiritual director

of the North American College in Rome. In which Archbishop Mooney was held in the diocese more than 200 priests of the diocese held a testimonial for him in Hotel Monaco on July 28, 1949 with Monsignor Hart presiding the testimonial.

The lady gathered at an international reception for the departing prelate and he was honored by the Catholic lay organizations. Spiritual bouquets were presented in the name of the children of the diocese and the Catholic women's groups.

When he left for his postulation in Detroit, a train-load of prayers, presents and personal lay persons accompanied him.

Several from Rochester diocese were present when Archbishop Mooney was elevated to the College of Cardinals in Rome, Feb. 21, 1946. Monsignor Casey flew to Rome with the Cardinal for the ceremony.

## Holy Hour For Nocturnal Men Set Sunday At Lourdes

The Rochester Nocturnal Adoration Society has accepted the invitation of Rev. Francis W. Luddy, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton, to hold their annual Sunday evening Holy Hour in his Church, Sunday, November 11 at 8:00 p.m.

The reclamation of the Office of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be followed by Benediction, at which Rev. Leo C. Mooney, Spiritual Director of the Society, will officiate.

The Society's single business meeting of the year will follow in the Parish Hall, at which election of officers will take place. David Gale, President, will preside.

**Chief Chaplain** of the Holy Eucharist, the Rev. Maurice E. Powers, C.S.C., an alumnus and former faculty member at the University of Notre Dame, has been named as Chief Chaplain of the Central Command in Yokohama, Japan, according to word received at the University.

## IFCA Circle Slates Book Review Nov. 14

Members and friends of Rochester Circle, International Federation of Catholic Alumnae will attend a book review meeting Wednesday evening, Nov. 14.

The meeting will take place at 8:15 p.m. in the home of Miss Emily Woodruff, 288 Oxford St. Mrs. Edward Mathews will review the book, *Magnum Century* by Thomas Costain.

A short talk will also be given by Miss Regina Kennedy followed by the serving of refreshments. Food donations will be made for the pantry of the Holy Childhood School. Mrs. James Paly is chairman of reservations. She may be reached at GH 6666-4099.

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