Council Sessions Open With Prayer

Cincinnati — (NC) — The Cincinnati City Council last week began the practice of opening its weekly sessions with prayer. Councilmen will rotate the responsibility of bringing a priest, minister, or rabbi to ask God's guidance in their deliberations.

The resolution asking that Council sessions open with prayer was introduced last June by Councilman Edward N. Waldvo-

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Twenty Years

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BISHOP KEARNEY was consecrated by the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes as Bishop of Salt Lake City in New York on Oct. 28, 1932.

Recording the achievements of the Fifth Bishop of Rochester from his enthronement in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral on Armistice Day, 1937 until the present is of book-length potentiality.

Bringing to a high point, the reign of Bishop Kearney in the Diocese of Rochester was the decree of His Holiness Pope Pius XII elevating Sacred Heart Church on Flower City Park to the dignity of a Cathedral which technically again makes the former New York City pastor, a pastor in the diocese over which he now presides.

Success of the current Bishop's High School Fund campaign will be a fitting tribute to Bishop Kearney not only as head of the diocese, as able administrator, spiritual leader, organizer and friend to thousands, but it will emphasize also what he has accomplished as an educator.

SCHOOLS, ELEMENTARY and secondary, colleges and the seminaries have received great portions of his constant concern.

For Catholic young men he directed the raising of funds and building of the magnificent St. Andrews Seminary and the striking St. John Fisher College. Expansion of Nazareth College calling for funds and building enjoyed his direction. Financial assistance was given to the Catholic University of America through a diocesan fund drive and annual appeals personally voiced by the Bishop.

A home-like atmosphere for children bereft of their parents was given his attention when he was shortly here and St. Joseph's Villa arose.

New grammar schools built or with additions built include those in Sacred Heart Cathedral parish, St. Anne's, St. Monica's, Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. James, St. Cecilia's, St. Helen's, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Margaret Mary's, St. Thomas, in the Rochester area. Also St. Alphonsus and St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn; St. Anthony's, Elmira; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, and St. Patrick's, Owego.

AN ADDITION TO DeSales High School in Geneva was finished this year. Addition to the Rochester parish schools of St. Jerome's, East Rochester, Our Mother of Sorrows School and St. Andrew's are in the process of being built.

Catholic high schools for girls have been expanded. In 1941, the Bishop dedicated a new addition and auditorium of Our Lady of Mercy High School, and in June of 1940 he dedicated the new $155,000 wing of Nazareth Academy.

While constantly spurring the material development of the diocese, Bishop Kearney has a notable record in fostering spiritual devotions.

Under his direction have come into existence two "powerhouses" for lay devotion, the Notre Dame Retreat House for men and the Convent and Retreat House of the Religious of the Cenacle for women.

Diocesan-wide recitation of the Rosary has come about largely through the Bishop's encouragement. He is the leader on the Radio Rosary for Peace program from St. Francis of Assisi Center on important occasions such as the Feast Days of the Blessed Mother.

DEVOTION TO THE Sacred Heart has been kept uppermost in the minds of the Faithful by the Bishop. The Apostleship of the Sacred Heart has been endorsed by him. First Friday devotion practice has been given special encouragement. First Friday Clubs for men have been organized.

Widespread interest in the Novena of Grace honoring St. Francis Xavier is due in the diocese to the Bishop's personal interest in the Novena from March 4 to March 12 each year. The Bishop conducts the Novena at the patronal church and Jesuit Fathers conduct the novena at the same time in Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church, Rochester.

Churches and convents have been or are being built and parishes were erected under Bishop Kearney's guidance. New churches have been built in St. Margaret Mary's parish, St. James and St. Cecilia's, in Irondequoit, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira and St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls. New parishes created include St. James and St. Cecilia's, St. Mary Magdalene at Wolcott and a Catholic chapel at George Junior Republic with a mission at McLean. Convents include those of St. Andrew's, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Holy Apostles and Blessed Sacrament addition. A new convent for Sacred Heart Cathedral school nuns is planned for next year.

ON A NATIONAL scope the Bishop has served as Episcopal Moderator of Newman Clubs, on the American Board of Missions and as trustee of Catholic University of America.

Inspiring lay organization has been a decidedly notable achievement of Bishop Kearney. The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women which embraces practically all lay women's groups has grown and developed largely through his encouragement. The Diocesan Holy Name Society, the Nocturnal Adoration Society and Laymen's Retreat League have reached out to bring Catholic laymen of the diocese together for spiritual progress and cooperation with their pastors.

Fraternal groups such as the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John have gone forward because of his cooperation. The Bishop has served as state chaplain of the K. of C. and currently is supreme chaplain of the Knights of St. John.

EACH YEAR on St. Patrick's Day, the Bishop has been the featured speaker for the Knights of Equity. During the state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians the Bishop addressed delegates and visitors.

To encourage speaking among high school pupils, the Bishop each year presents an award to the best boy and girl in the Rochester Catholic secondary schools and another to those in schools of Elmira, Auburn and Geneva.

Small children and teen-age youths receive a large share of Bishop Kearney's attention. Since coming to Rochester he has presided at all the graduation exercises of Catholic high schools as well as celebrating the Mass of the Holy Ghost at the schools with the beginning of the school year.

Receiving "a day off" has been a memorable event for many boys and girls who have been in the schools where Bishop Kearney visited them and believed a day off was warranted for some good work or deed.

THE SODALITY of Our Lady, both in parishes and high schools have benefited from the Bishop's interest. A Holy Hour, once a month, in St. Joseph's Church has been stimulated by his presence.

World War II days found the Diocese of Rochester in the forefront with the Bishop lending his talents, energy and time to the needed effort. More than 52 of his priests were allowed by him to join up as chaplains in the armed forces.

Here at home prayers were the first order and the Bishop on many occasions celebrated Masses for the mothers of boys in the service for the safe return of their sons. Campaigns for crusade of prayers, rosaries and medals, for war bonds, for the Red Cross were backed by appeals made by Bishop Kearney.

National Catholic Community Service activities had the wholehearted cooperation of Bishop Kearney. When the USO-NCCS Club was established in Geneva in October, 1942, the Rev. John S. Randall represented Bishop Kearney and took over the work of arranging for the diocesan concern for men at the U. S. Naval Training Center at Sampson.

WITH THE U. S. Air Corps now at Sampson, the Bishop has again shown the same concern and has Monsignor Randall representing him.

During the Navy Days at Sampson, the Bishop confirmed many of the personnel in Chidwick Chapel which the Bishop dedicated in October, 1943. On special occasions, at Christmas and on national holidays, Bishop Kearney celebrated Masses and spoke to the Navy men.

The Bishop gave personal attention to the work of the USO Club in Rochester and the K. of C.-NCCS Canteen in Columbus Civic Center.

IN CIVIC and community affairs in Rochester as well as in communities outside the See City, the Bishop takes a leading role. His ability to express himself clearly, forcefully and briefly make him in demand as a speaker.

Hospitals in the area under Catholic auspices have felt his influence. He sponsored the campaign for the new St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, and the new million-dollar building of St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

Prestige and influence of the Catholic press in his diocese as represented by this Catholic Courier-Journal is due to the full support given by the Bishop who serves as president of the Board. Each year he stresses the need, the purpose and the scope of this diocesan newspaper to its subscribers.

Religious communities already established in the diocese when Bishop Kearney was installed immediately received his cooperation in their various activities. He supports the campaigns for the Discalced Carmelite nuns. He is always at the service, especially for reception of novices, of the two diocesan orders of nuns, the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy.

THE SCHOOL Sisters of Notre Dame, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent De Paul, conducting St. Mary's Hospital, the Redemptorists Fathers whom he put in charge of the laymen's retreat House, and the Basilian Fathers all enjoy the Bishop's support in this work.

This is true, too, of the Sisters of Charity of Refuge conducting Holy Angels Home and the social service nuns known as the Missionary Sisters of the Most Blessed Trinity, as well as others. He assists the Society of the Divine Word Fathers in their work at Hemlock Lake.

New communities with varied projects have come into the diocese upon the invitation of Bishop Kearney. The Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary who are building an addition to their Monastery are established in Elmira.

FRIARS OF the Atonement at Montour Falls, Polish Franciscans conducting a high school at Watkins Glen, Irish Carmelites who will help staff the new high school in Auburn; Italian Capuchins at Geneva and Capuchins at Interlaken, the Benedictine Fathers near Elmira and the famed Trappists now building at Piffard, are carrying on their works of prayer, sacrifice and education under the Bishop's approval.

The Bishop has gone up and down the diocese administering the Sacrament of Confirmation across an area of 7,081 square miles. Children and adults confirmed run into more than 100,000.

FOUR CARDINAL Princes of the Church have been received at various functions in Rochester. His Eminence Cardinal Spellman was here for the funeral of Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey and the opening of St. John Fisher College Drive. His Eminence Cardinal Mooney, Bishop Kearney's predecessor was here for his installation, for Archbishop Hickey's final services and for the St. Bernard's Seminary 75th anniversary.

When Thomas Cardinal Tien of China came, he was warmly greeted by the Bishop as was Konrad Cardinal van Preysing of Berlin.

IN CARRYING out the educational program now projected for the diocese, the Bishop has been assured that not only his own work will be remembered but also that of the first great educator in the diocese, Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid. One of the new high schools has been named for him.

As he enters his 21st year in the Episcopate and will soon begin his 16th as ruler of this diocese, Bishop Kearney has established a record as churchman administrator, educator, community leader, and friend to thousands that is only adequately recorded where all those achievements are surely known.

Austin Bids UN Work In Name Of God

United Nations, N. Y. — The UN General Assembly, at its opening session, was called upon to begin all its work in the name of God.

The appeal came at the close of an address by Warren R. Austin of the United States. Mr. Austin, who was chairman of the UN committee which supervised the building of the new headquarters, welcomed the delegates to what he hoped would be the "capitol of peace." This is the first Assembly session to be held in the new Assembly hall.

"As we take our places in the General Assembly and at the Council meetings," concluded Mr. Austin, "let us begin our work in the name of God, for the solution of all our problems is a spiritual one." He called for the "collective practice of truth, justice, and friendship among nations" to radiate into "every region among all peoples."

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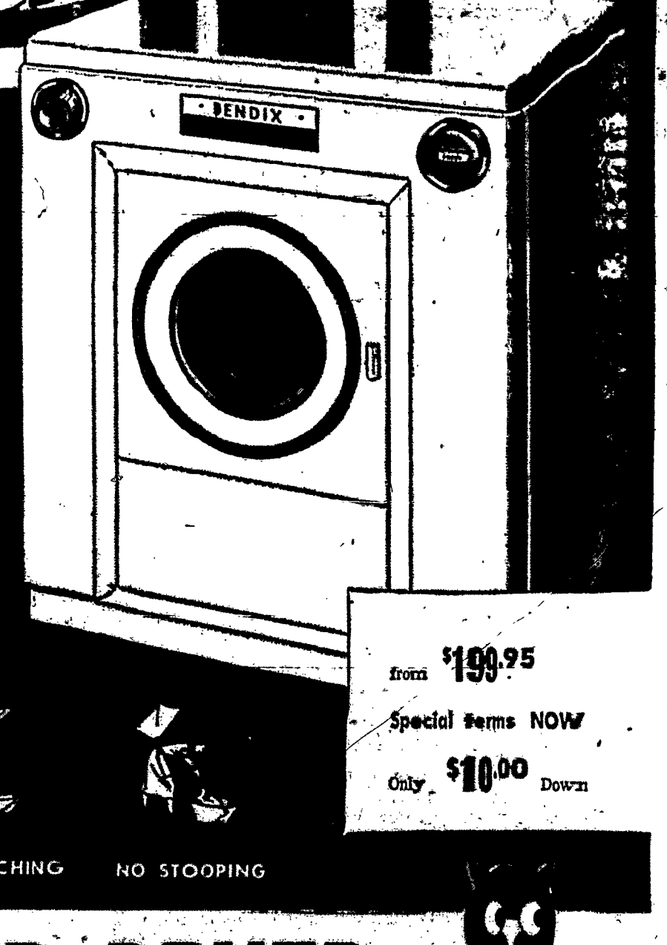

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