

Drive To Climax Bishop's Anniversary

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representatives of the various sisterhoods.

PRESENT FROM THE FAR WEST were Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco, Bishop Kearney's predecessor in the See of Salt Lake City, and also Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles.

A major feature was the presence of two of Bishop Kearney's predecessors in the See of Rochester. These were Archbishop Edward Mooney of Detroit, fourth bishop of Rochester and Bishop Kearney's immediate predecessor, and Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, third archbishop of Vintonia and second bishop of Rochester.

Representing the civic and professional ranks of society were numbers of distinguished lay persons headed by Governor Herbert H. Lehman and Mayor Charles Stanton.

BISHOP KEARNEY was conducted to his throne in the cathedral sanctuary by the Most Rev. Stephen J. Donahue, Auxiliary Bishop of New York and the representative of His Eminence Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York, and metropolitan of all dioceses in the New York Province. Monsignor Hart gave the formal welcome.

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 at 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 68 years ago, on October 28, 1884, at Red Oak, Iowa, the son of William Patrick Kearney 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 25 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 College at White Plains, N. Y., and served as superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Bronx.

Three years after he came to St. Francis Xavier parish, Pope Pius XI named him Bishop of Salt Lake City. His consecration by the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York took place October 28, 1933, at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The new Bishop found the See of Salt Lake City—one of the mission dioceses of the far west—extensive in territory but small in the numbers of its faithful. The entire diocese included 10,000 Catholics, 33 priests and 19 churches.

With meager funds, bolstered by his own tireless energy, Bishop Kearney tackled the problem of developing churches, schools and other progressive programs for the diocese. In November 1936 he paid off the debt of Salt Lake City's beautiful Cathedral of the Madonna and on Thanksgiving Day 1937 he consecrated it.

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New Tabernacles

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are reflected in the beautiful new chapels of St. Andrew's Seminary and of the Mercy Sisters' Motherhouse, and also in the stately St. Bernard's Seminary Chapel where he has installed a magnificent marble altar.

And even the smallest chapels — which are hallowed by the same Divine Sacrifice and same Divine Presence as the large churches — consume the Bishop's interest and attention. Thus he has interested himself in improving the beauty and facilities of such popular devotional centers as the Columbus Civic Center Chapel, the Cenacle Retreat House Chapel, and the St. Jude Chapel at Camp Stella Maris.

AS HE RECALLS his fifteen-year career in the Diocese of Rochester on next Tuesday, Bishop Kearney can take great satisfaction in the long list of new tabernacles for Christ which he has helped raise and beautify among his people.

This impressive array of sanctuaries which have risen under the Bishop's sponsorship includes new churches, mission chapels, schools chapels, convent chapels, retreat house chapels, and chapels in novitates and houses of religious study.

Among the new churches are the newly established parish churches of St. Cecilia and St. James in Rochester. Also in Rochester is the new permanent church building of St. Margaret Mary Church. Elsewhere in the diocese are the new churches of St. Rita in West Webster, St. Paul the Cross in Honeye Falls, St. Mary Magdalen in Wolcott, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Anthony's in Elmira. Under construction at the present time is the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post.

A NUMBER of mission chapels have been started in smaller areas during Bishop Kearney's regime. These are: the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at Bushnell Basin, St. Isaac Jogues Chapel at Fleming and the Catholic Chapel at Dryden (George Jun- for Republic) and McLean.

The establishment of the Notre Dame Retreat House (for men) and the Cenacle Retreat House (for women) mark new milestones in the history of the diocese. Both institutions with their beautiful chapels, so familiar to many retreatants, are largely the result of the Bishop's own personal effort.

Andrews, St. Anne, St. Augustine, Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Cecilia, St. James, St. Margaret Mary, St. Helen, St. Joseph, Holy Childhood, Holy Apostles, and Blessed Sacrament.

New parish convents with chapels have been established also in St. Louis, Pittsford and St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn.

THIS BRIEF account does not end the story of new tabernacles in the Diocese of Rochester.

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OTHER CHAPELS which Bishop Kearney has dedicated are of particular interest. These are the St. Don Bosco Chapel at Elmira Reformatory, the St. Mary's Hospital Chapel in Rochester and the St. Thomas the Apostle Chapel at St. Joseph's Villa also in Rochester. The latter was dedicated as a memorial chapel to the late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, one of Bishop Kearney's predecessors in the Rochester See.

Added to all these many altars and tabernacles, more familiar to the general public, are the many private chapels provided in the many new parish convents blessed by the Bishop in recent years.

These parish convents include the following: (in Rochester) Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St.

Also there is: St. John's Atonement Friary and Seminary established by the Friars of the Atonement at Montour Falls. In Geneva the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary has been opened by the Capuchin Fathers of the Province of the Stigmata of St. Francis, and in Watkins Glen the Franciscan Fathers of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province) have their St. Anthony Friary and Seminary.

High above the waters of Hemlock Lake is the striking St. Michael's Seminary Chapel built by the Society of the Divine Word Fathers and blessed four years ago by Bishop Kearney.

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