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**MOTHER OF A BISHOP**—First to hear of Monsignor Lawrence B. Casey's appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester was his 74-year-old mother Mrs. Joseph L. Casey. Here the Bishop-Elect explains to his mother that the Holy Father has raised him to the ranks of the Hierarchy as Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester to Bishop Kearney.



HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP-ELECT LAWRENCE B. CASEY



**"CONGRATULATIONS BISHOP CASEY!"**—His Excellency Bishop Kearney was among the first to congratulate Monsignor Lawrence B. Casey on his election as Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester. Following announcement of the appointment on Wednesday morning, the Bishop-Elect, who is rector of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, pledges "loyalty and cooperation" to Bishop Kearney. The Bishop-Elect formerly served for nine years as Bishop Kearney's secretary.

## Father John Lynch Requiem Offered

A Pontifical Requiem Mass was offered in St. Charles Borromeo Church Wednesday morning (February 18, 1953) for the Rev. John F. Lynch, assistant pastor of St. Charles.

The 32-year-old priest died Sunday (Feb. 15, 1953) in St. Mary's Hospital after an illness of three months.

**HIS EXCELLENCY**, Bishop Kearney pontificated at the funeral Mass, with Bishop-elect, the Rt. Rev. Lawrence B. Casey as assistant priest.

The Rev. T. Paul Murley, professor at St. Andrew's Seminary, preached the funeral sermon.

Recalling Father Lynch's short career as a priest, Father Murley remarked that the seven years since the young priest's ordination had been spent in the capacity of assistant pastor, first at St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, and lastly, at St. Charles Borromeo.



FATHER LYNCH

Rochester Diocese on Tuesday evening.

Assisting the Bishop in the Funeral Mass were: Rev. Raymond F. Moore, Deacon; Rev. Ignatius St. George, Subdeacon; Rev. William J. O'Brien and Rev. John E. McAfferty, Deacons of Honor; Rev. Donald Mulcahy and Rev. Louis J. Hohman, Acolytes; Rev. William L. Reed, Miter; Rev. Richard Crumlish of Buffalo, Candle Bearer; Rev. John P. Norris, Book Bearer; Rev. James F. Marvin, Thurifer; Rev. John W. LeVeque, Gremiale.

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ity of assistant pastor, first at St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, and lastly, at St. Charles Borromeo.

"We could say that his was the ordinary work of every parish priest," Father Murley added, "but is such work ever ordinary?"

"We could think that his brief career saw limited results but is there any limit, in time or eternity, to the God-inspired goodness spread by a priest aided as he is by divine grace?"

Father Murley exhorted those present to remember the young priest in their prayers.

Born in Rochester on July 10, 1920, Father Lynch was educated at Corpus Christi School, St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary.

**FATHER LYNCH** was ordained on Dec. 22, 1945 and appointed assistant pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport.

In July, 1949, he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Charles Borromeo Church where he served as moderator of the Rosary Society.

Surviving Father Lynch are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Lynch, 150 Cedarwood Ter., Rochester; two brothers, James P. and Bernard T., both of Rochester; two sisters, Sister Irma, of the Sisters of Mercy, Elmira, and Miss Margaret T. Lynch, Rochester; an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Nagle, Rochester, and several cousins, including Mother Bride of the Sisters of Mercy.

**THE OFFICE** of the Dead was chanted by the priests of the

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## 'Bishop Of Coa'

Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Casey has been assigned the titular or honorary title of "Bishop of Coa."

Coa is an island off the southeast coast of Greece and in ancient Christian times was a diocese. It no longer exists as an active diocese.

Every auxiliary bishop is assigned to a See which once had a bishop of its own but is now suppressed as an active See.

## U. S. Bishops To Visit Pope In 1953

Washington, D. C. (NC)—

The Bishops of the United States have been advised that they may make their "ad limina" visit to Rome in conjunction with the dedication of the new North American College in October, 1953.

The "ad limina" visit, made to the Holy Father once every five years, falls in 1954. In a letter to the American Hierarchy, however, His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, announced that the Holy Father has authorized American Bishops to make their visit this year when the college will be dedicated.

## An Editorial

### Bishop-Elect Casey

BY MONSIGNOR WILLIAM HART

With great joy and gratitude the Diocese of Rochester salutes its new Auxiliary Bishop, Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, D.D., pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Casey is a native son of Rochester, and well equipped to share part of the burden of Bishop Kearney. He has been in parochial and diocesan service ever since his ordination, and has been a familiar figure to priests and people in every part of the diocese. All have had opportunity to admire his priestly qualities. All have seen in him the executive powers and the sacerdotal equipment that have marked his chancery career and that now give so great promise as he becomes a Bishop.

His short service as pastor first of Holy Cross Church and then of Sacred Heart Cathedral has given evidence of his administrative powers and his ability to provide needed improvements and to finance them in a masterly manner.

A fluent speaker, a zealous and trained catechist, a gifted leader of men, Bishop Casey receives from Pope Pius XII the appointment as Assistant to Bishop Kearney and Auxiliary of the Diocese of Rochester. His many years at the side of Bishop Kearney as Secretary and Vice-Chancellor leave him well-informed and fully experienced in the duties that now fall to him in his new dignity.

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It will be the work of Bishop Casey to aid the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese, our beloved Bishop Kearney, in the program of episcopal functions throughout the diocese. Bishop Casey with all the powers of the episcopal order, will be called upon by Bishop Kearney to confirm in the churches of the diocese, to give Holy Orders, and to render such other service at religious receptions, graduations, and other public functions as usually are cared for by his Bishop-Ordinary. He will carry on his work under the direction of the Bishop of Rochester.

**BISHOP CASEY IS A NATIVE SON.** Born in Rochester, he received his early training at Corpus Christi School and at Holy Rosary School. His Catholic parents sent him to St. Andrew's Seminary and to St. Bernard's Seminary, and saw him ordained a priest June 7, 1930. They have the happiness of seeing him made a Bishop of God's Church.

**BISHOP McQUAID** came here as a Bishop in 1868, to found the Diocese of Rochester and to be its first Bishop. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey was consecrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral as Co-Adjutor to Bishop McQuaid in May of 1905; he succeeded to the See of Rochester in January of 1909 on the death of Bishop McQuaid. Archbishop Hanna was consecrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral in December 1, 1912 as Auxiliary of San Francisco. Bishop Walter A. Foery was consecrated as Bishop of Syracuse in St. Patrick's Cathedral August 15, 1937. Bishop Casey will be the first Bishop to be consecrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

**BISHOP KEARNEY, THE PRIESTS** of the diocese, our religious men and women, and the laity of all the parishes, unite in joint congratulations to Bishop Casey. They offer him the service of their prayers for God's blessing on him, and God's assistance in the work that lies before him. Ad multos annos!

## Cathedral Rector's Election Brings Honor To Diocese

Pope Pius XII's nomination this week of Monsignor Lawrence B. Casey, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral, as Titular Bishop of Coa and Auxiliary to His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney, marks signal recognition on the part of the Holy See of the growing needs of the Catholic population of the Diocese of Rochester.

The appointment was announced from Washington on Ash Wednesday morning by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Consentation rites for the new Bishop-Elect Casey will be held in Sacred Heart Cathedral at a date yet to be announced.

Named rector of the Cathedral a year ago, the new auxiliary is a familiar figure throughout the diocese by reason of his long years of service as secretary to three different bishops of the diocese.

Among the first to congratulate the new auxiliary on Wednesday morning was Bishop Kearney, who issued the following statement:

"The diocese is highly honored by the Holy See in the assignment of another Bishop to Rochester."

"Bishop-Elect Casey will remain permanently as the rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral and will assist me in the many and varied functions of Bishop of the Diocese."

"I am sure that priests, religious and the people join me in happiness over the selection of a priest who has given such outstanding service to three Bishops of this See."

Bishop-Elect Casey will be the first auxiliary bishop in the history of the 85-year-old Diocese of Rochester. The late Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey was named Co-adjutor Bishop to Bishop McQuaid in 1905 and on the latter's death in 1909 became the Ordinary of the diocese.

The newly-appointed Bishop was born in Rochester on Sept. 6, 1905. His parents, both living, are Joseph L. Casey and Agnes M. Switzer Casey. He has one brother, Joseph L. Casey, Jr. of Rochester; and one sister, Mrs. Harold Kelley of Rome, N. Y.

**HE ATTENDED** Corpus Christi and Holy Rosary parochial schools, graduating from the latter in June, 1919. A life-long resident of Rochester, the 47-year-old Bishop-Elect is a graduate of the diocesan seminaries of St. Andrew and St. Bernard.

He was ordained to the priesthood in the former St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, on June 7, 1930 by the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern. He celebrated his first solemn Mass in Holy Rosary Church on June 8, 1930.

**TWO YEARS** as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rochester, he became vice-chancellor of the diocese and acting secretary to Bishop O'Hern on Oct. 3, 1932. He served Bishop O'Hern until the latter's death on May 22, 1933. Father Casey served Archbishop Edward A. Mooney, Bishop O'Hern's successor, in the same capacity from November, 1933 until August, 1937, when the Archbishop, now Cardinal, was transferred to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

**BISHOP KEARNEY** who was installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester on Nov. 11, 1937, also named as his secretary Father Casey who remained in this post until Feb. 1, 1946.

In addition to his regular duties at the Diocesan Chancery, the Bishop-Elect was religious instructor at Our Lady of Mercy High School from Sept. 1937 to June, 1945. He served as chaplain of the Monroe County Jail for 13

## Bishop-Elect Pledges 'Loyalty, Cooperation'

The following statement was issued by Monsignor Casey following the announcement that Pope Pius XII had appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester:

"This appointment leaves me with mixed feelings. While I deeply appreciate the signal mark of confidence shown me by Our Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, and by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, there is on my part the real feeling of unworthiness which comes to one called to be a Bishop. And there is a sense of dependence on the continued prayers of one's friends and associates. I ask them to pray that I may always do the Lord's work the way He wants it done, for the glory of God and the spiritual benefit of the community in which I live.

"The papal appointment states that I shall become Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester, which means in effect that I be ready to assist Bishop Kearney in any way that he may so decide. This I am prepared to do.

"As I prepare for the consecration ceremony, I pledge anew my loyalty and full cooperation to Bishop Kearney as head of the diocese, and to the priests and people of the Diocese of Rochester my best efforts in serving their spiritual interests."

He accompanied Archbishop Mooney on a plane flight to Rome where the Cardinal's Hat was conferred on the former Bishop of Rochester on Feb. 10, 1946.

Special recognition of his services to the Church came to him in October, 1937, when Pope Pius XII elevated him to the rank of a domestic prelate with the title of "Right Reverend Monsignor."

**ANOTHER MILESTONE** in the impressive career of the youthful churchman, was marked when Bishop Kearney named him rector of the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Feb. 28, 1952. Last year Pope Pius XII elevated the Sacred Heart Church to the status of Cathedral of the Diocese of Rochester.

The Bishop-Elect was appointed a Diocesan Consultor in May 1952.

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### Red China Days



Sr. Marion Cordis



Sister Paulita

Mary Rose Hoffman of Sacred Heart parish, Cincinnati, entered Maryknoll in 1933; Edith Riets of Our Lady Help of Christians parish, Chicago, in 1942. As Sister Paulita and Sister Marion Cordis, respectively, they met in China in 1948 and, subsequently, shared the experience of Communist imprisonment — the last two Sisters at Mingping Convent, Kiating, South China.

Expelled from China last year, Sister Marion Cordis is now in Hong Kong, aiding refugees. Sister Paulita, back at the Motherhouse, Maryknoll, N. Y., has been editing her diary — 14 years in China; public trial; forced attendance at other public trials and at a mock funeral of "the Catholic Church" during which Communists wept in derision; imprisonment, then expulsion.

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