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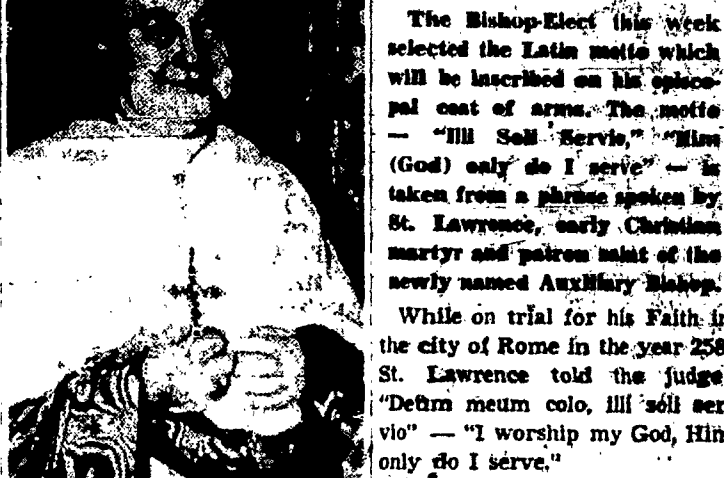
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## Cardinal Spellman To Consecrate Bishop-Elect Casey

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will consecrate Bishop-Elect Lawrence E. Casey on Tuesday, May 5, at 10 a. m. in Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Monsignor Casey, rector of the Sacred Heart Cathedral, was named Titular Bishop of Oea and Auxiliary Bishop of His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester last week by Pope Pius XII.

Sermon at the consecration rites will be delivered by Bishop Kearney, whom Bishop-Elect Casey formerly served as secretary for nine years.



CARDINAL SPELLMAN

Two more Bishops will be chosen to act as co-consecrators with Cardinal Spellman in the impressive rites which will raise the 47-year-old Cathedral rector to the ranks of the American Hierarchy.

The Bishop-Elect this week selected the Latin motto which will be inscribed on his episcopal coat of arms. The motto — "Illi Secl' Servio" — "I will serve (God) only do I serve" — is taken from a phrase spoken by St. Lawrence, early Christian martyr and patron saint of the newly named Auxiliary Bishop.

While on trial for his Faith in the city of Rome in the year 258, St. Lawrence told the judge: "Deum meo colui, Illi secl' servio" — "I worship my God, Him only do I serve."

EXPLAINING THE choice of his episcopal motto to Cathedral parishioners on last Sunday, Monsignor Casey stated:

"If I serve as best as I can the spiritual interests of the people entrusted to my care and perform the other duties my superior, Bishop Kearney, may assign to me to the best of my ability, I can make good on that motto. One serves God by serving His people."

Monsignor Casey also expressed gratitude to Bishop Kearney who had announced earlier that the Auxiliary Bishop would continue in his post as rector of the Cathedral. Monsignor Casey said that Bishop Kearney's mark of confidence and for the opportunity to serve the people of Sacred Heart, the Bishop-Elect told his parishioners.

Your cooperation with the program has been grand and your willingness to make sacrifices for your church has been an inspiration to your priests. May our association continue for a long time," he said.

NAMED RECTOR of the Cathedral one year ago this week (Feb. 28, 1952), Monsignor Casey has in that short time led his parishioners in a successful fund drive for a new parish convent, and directed major church improvements including enlargement of the sanctuary and the choir loft and renovation of the organ.

Bishop Casey's consecration will be the first such ceremony to be held in the Sacred Heart Church which Pope Pius XII last summer raised from the rank of pro-cathedral to Cathedral of the Diocese of Rochester.

Bishop Kearney was installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester in the present Sacred Heart Church on November 11, 1937 when he was transferred to the Rochester Diocese from the Diocese of Salt Lake where he had served as Bishop for five years. He was consecrated a bishop in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on Oct. 28, 1932.

Last episcopal consecration held in Rochester was that of Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse. He was elevated to the Hierarchy on August 18, 1937 in Rochester's old St. Patrick's Cathedral which was sold to the Eastman Kodak Company in the same year and subsequently razed.

Other consecration rites held in Rochester, all in the former St. Patrick's Cathedral, included those of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey (May 24, 1905); Bishop Edward J. Hanna (Dec. 4, 1912); and Bishop John Francis O'Hern (Mar. 19, 1929).

## Mrs. Eisenhower Greet Catholic Women Fr. Harrington



Washington, D. C. — Mrs. Dwight Eisenhower is shown greeting a delegation of women from the Graduate School of Catholic University of America here when they called on her at the White House. Left to right are: Sister John Baptist Nolan, president of the student body, Catholic Sisters College; "Nannie" Eisenhower; Sister Olivia of the Order of St. Benedict, dean of the Nursing School; and Mary Ellisor Smith, dean of women, Catholic University.

## U. S. Had Vatican Representative During War, FDR Papers Reveal

New York — (RNS) — The United States had a representative to the Vatican "with diplomatic status" during World War II, according to an article in a national Jesuit weekly published here.

The article, written by the Rev. Robert A. Graham, S.J., a contributing editor, in the Feb. 28 issue of the magazine, said the diplomatic representative was Harold H. Tittmann, charge d'affaires, whose appointment was officially communicated to the Holy See. Father Graham said Mr. Tittmann remained at the Vatican from December, 1941 until 1944.

HE SAID the State Department never admitted that Mr. Tittmann was ever more than a special assistant to the personal representative of the President, Myron C. Taylor. However, the Vatican, according to Father Graham, "apparently maintains that, at least while he enjoyed sanctuary in Vatican City, he had a true diplomatic status in virtue of special accreditation."

The priest said the Vatican's contention is supported by a document in the Roosevelt papers at Hyde Park. He said this document is a memorandum on the subject sent by Sumner Welles, Undersecretary of State, to President Roosevelt on Dec. 31, 1941.

In the memorandum, Father Graham said, Mr. Welles called the President's attention to the fact that the Italian government might raise objection to the continued residence of Mr. Tittmann in Vatican City unless he received some official diplomatic status.

FATHER GRAHAM quotes Mr. Welles as stating: "The Secretary of State (Cordell Hull) agreed with me that it is of very great importance that Tittmann remain in the Vatican City so that we may continue contact through him with the Holy See. If we ascertain that the Vatican will have to give in to Italian pressure and agree to have Tittmann leave, it seems to me that you will wish to consider favorably Tittmann's designation as charge d'affaires in order to avoid this result."

Father Graham said that President Roosevelt's papers reveal that he accepted this recommendation and authorized the appointment.

"The State Department's denials are disingenuous from the viewpoint of international relations," Father Graham said.

"In our desire to keep Mr. Tittmann in that extremely important post we exposed the Vatican to complaints and reprisals from Italy, while endangering at the same time the position of the bona fide diplomats."

## Pontiff Restricts Normal Activities

Vatican City — (NC) — Because of the gradual pace of recovery from his recent illness, it will be some time before His Holiness Pope Pius XII resumes normal activities, an announcement by the Vatican Press Office said.

The Holy Father has resumed his afternoon visits to the Vatican Gardens, but for briefer periods and with much less time spent in walking than in resting in his car.

## Protestants Back Catholics Against Obscene Literature

Brooklyn — (RNS) — The Brooklyn Division of the Protestant Council of New York threw its support behind a campaign against obscene literature launched by a Roman Catholic parish here.

Dr. David Munro Cory, director of the Division's department of Christian social relations, and the Rev. Lewis Zacker, chairman of its civic and moral affairs commission, endorsed the drive to discourage the sale of "filthy" comic books, magazines and paper-bound reprints in Brooklyn candy stores, pharmacies and newsstands.

Started in Brooklyn's Flatbush section by the decent literature committee of Our Lady Help of Christians R. C. Church, the campaign already has enlisted the cooperation of 16 neighborhood candy stores.

Each store owner has posted a notice on his door certifying that the store "satisfactorily complied with the request of the committee to remove from its racks during the month all publications listed as 'objectionable' by the National Organization of Decent Literature."

## Prayer Opens Cabinet Meetings

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — President Eisenhower opens all Cabinet meetings with prayer, it became known here.

When the heads of the government departments have assembled in the Cabinet Room of the White House, the President rises and asks them to bow their heads in a moment of silent prayer. Only after the prayer does the business of state begin.

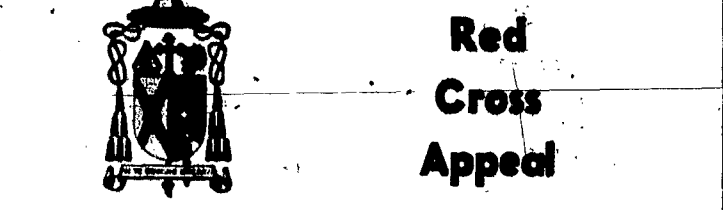
## Flood Victims Get Dispensation

The Hague — (RNS) — The Netherlands Roman Catholic Hierarchy has granted all victims of the recent floods a dispensation from the Lenten fast.

Flood victims also received permission to eat meat on all days except Good Friday. Normally, Fridays are meatless days in the Catholic Church.

## COMMUNIST EXPELLED BISHOP

Philadelphia — Bishop John A. O'Shea, C.M., of Kanawha, West Virginia, who was expelled from Communist China last year after being imprisoned for seven months, arrives here to visit the motherhouse of the Vincentian Fathers. Behind him is the Very Rev. Daniel M. Leary, C.M., Provincial of the Eastern Province. Bishop O'Shea, 64, a Vincentian from Deep River, Conn., served in China for 31 years. He was first arrested by the Communists on Feb. 17 and charged with participating in the outlawed Legion of Mary and with "helping imperialist aggression." In June he unexpectedly arrived at the Kanawha mission critically ill with pneumonia and was given extreme unction because he was not expected to live. He recovered, however, but later was jailed again.



**Red Cross Appeal**

My Dear People:

May I, once again, appeal for your support for the Red Cross Campaign.

The many activities of the American Red Cross and the efficient work of the organization in these activities commend this appeal more eloquently than any words of mine. The amount to be raised in this community is very large. To realize it, everyone must be very generous. We know of the very extensive service of American Red Cross both at home and abroad. In preparing a budget the organization must be alert to the possibility of national emergencies, epidemics, and the like.

The support of the Red Cross is everybody's responsibility. If everyone will meet that responsibility, our local quota can be realized. May I solicit your generous response to the 1953 appeal of American Red Cross.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,  
+ James E. Kearney  
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

## 'Goal 40,000' Courier Circulation Drive Scheduled Next Two Sundays

An alltime record of 40,000 subscriptions is the goal of the annual COURIER-JOURNAL subscription campaign, opening Sunday in all churches of the diocese. Parish priests last weekend urged their people to turn in new or renewal subscriptions at all Masses on Sundays of March 1 and 8.

Bishop Kearney's letter, read at all Masses last Sunday, keyed the importance of the Rochester diocesan weekly's annual subscription drive.

"I need not point out the value of our diocesan paper both for keeping in touch with religious activities in the diocese and also for acquiring a better understanding of the life of the Church throughout the world," the Bishop said in his appeal for support of the COURIER-JOURNAL.

"On the basis of early reports the COURIER-JOURNAL will reach an alltime high in circulation," was the optimistic forecast made this week by Elmer Grapensteter, circulation manager of the diocesan weekly.

Supporting his encouraging prediction is the fact that many parishes for the first time, have pledged adoption of 100 per cent coverage of their flocks. The new parishes adopting this program are: Immaculate Conception, Rochester; St. John the Evangelist (Hammonds St.), Rochester; Most Precious Blood, Rochester; St. Michael's, Newark; St. Patrick's, Victor; St. James, Naples; and St. James, Waverly.

Among parishes reporting continuance of the 100 per cent circulation coverage of their families, St. Alphonsus in Auburn leads with 1,171 subscriptions. Other parishes which have reported continuance of the 100 per cent plan are: St. Andrew's, Rochester; St. James Rochester; St. Anthony, Elmira; St. Ann, Hornell; Holy Angels, Nunda; Holy Name, Groveland; St. James the Apostle, Trumansburg; St. Pius, Cohocton.

WITH A CURRENT circulation of over 35,000, the COURIER-JOURNAL needs to gain about new subscriptions to reach the goal of 40,000, Mr. Grapensteter noted. The present circulation of close to 40,000 marks a subscribers list that is more than double that of ten years ago when the weekly circulation was only about 17,000, he said.

Subscription price for the COURIER-JOURNAL for 52 issues is \$4.00 payable through whatever method has been proposed by pastors in each parish. All new subscriptions received during the circulation drive will begin with the issue of April 10.

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