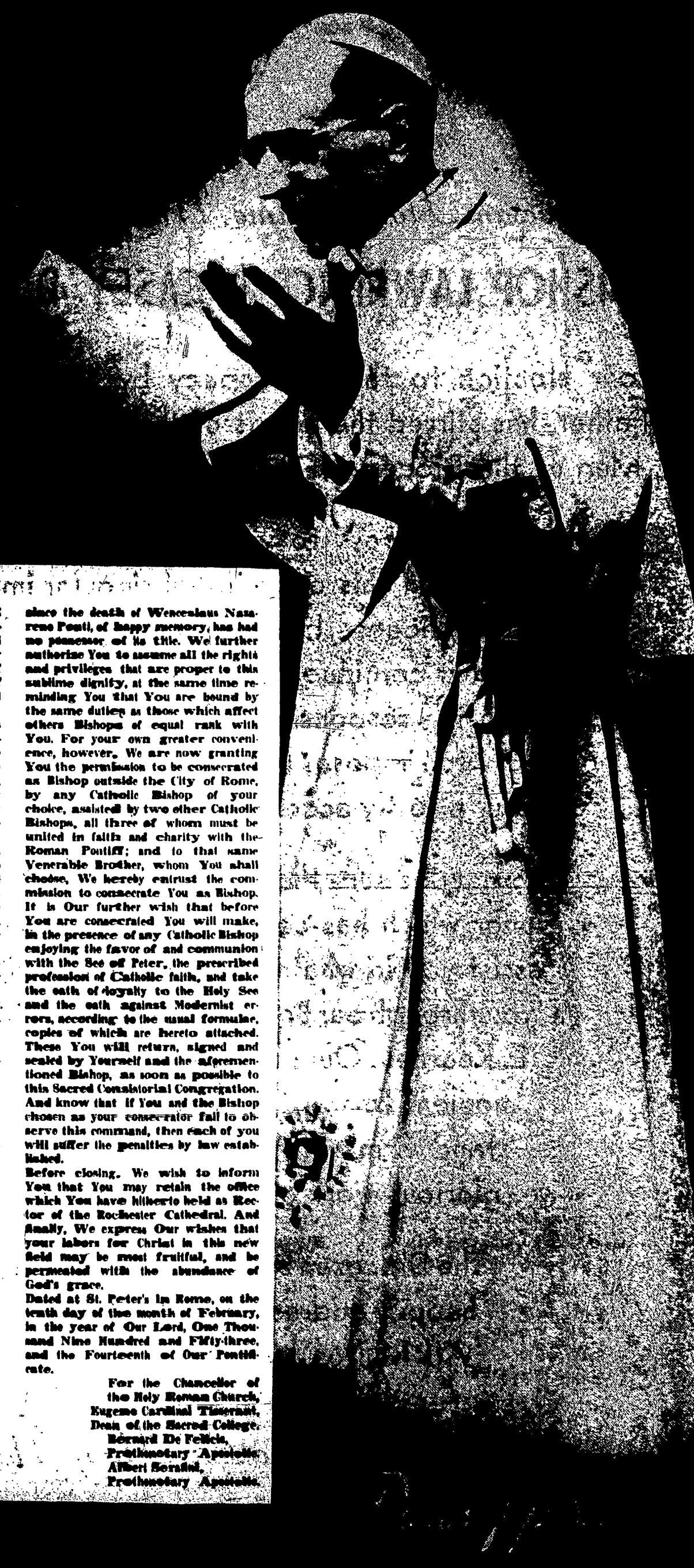


Pius, Bishop
 Servant of the Servants of God



To Our beloved Son, LAWRENCE B. CASEY, formerly a Domestic Prelate, and Rector of the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Rochester in America, Titular Bishop-Elect of Gen and Auxiliary to the Bishop of Rochester in America, health and apostolic blessing.

Since Our Venerable Brother, James Edward Kearney, Bishop of Rochester, has need of capable assistance in providing more adequately for the welfare of religion in that diocese, We are not at all averse to granting him, with his consent, an Auxiliary Bishop. As We reflected upon the choice of one whom We might invest with this dignity, it seemed to Us that You, beloved Son, who are so conspicuous and so highly esteemed for your qualities of mind and character, are the one best fitted to be entrusted with this office and dignity.

Furthermore, since You have been for some time the Rector of the Rochester Cathedral, and have had considerable experience in the handling of matters pertaining to religion, You are with good reason regarded as well suited for the duties of a Bishop. We are therefore pleased to elect and designate You as Auxiliary to Our above-named Venerable Brother, and to grant to You all the rights, duties and privileges usually accompanying that office, in the hope that with the same devoted love for God and zeal for Christ's honor which You have previously demonstrated in your office as Rector of the Cathedral, You will continue to flourish now that You are invested with this new honor. We also earnestly exhort You to show to Our Venerable Brother, James Edward, all the reverence that is due to one who already for many years has labored in the Church of Christ, and always so exert Yourself in his behalf that your work may produce the most abundant fruit.

It is not Our intention that You, whom We are now calling to this high office, should Yourself be without the honors and dignity of a Bishop. Since therefore it is customary for the Holy See to bestow upon Auxiliaries the title of one of those Churches once renowned with the glory of Christianity, and whose names should therefore be perpetuated through the ages, We are elevating You to the titular See of Gen, in the province of Greece or ancient Helles, which See,

since the death of Wenceslaus Nassarius Fust, of happy memory, has had no possessor of its title. We further authorize You to assume all the rights and privileges that are proper to this sublime dignity, at the same time reminding You that You are bound by the same duties as those which affect other Bishops of equal rank with You. For your own greater convenience, however, We are now granting You the permission to be consecrated as Bishop outside the City of Rome, by any Catholic Bishop of your choice, assisted by two other Catholic Bishops, all three of whom must be united in faith and charity with the Roman Pontiff; and to that same Venerable Brother, whom You shall choose, We hereby entrust the commission to consecrate You as Bishop. It is Our further wish that before You are consecrated You will make, in the presence of any Catholic Bishop enjoying the favor of and communion with the See of Peter, the prescribed profession of Catholic faith, and take the oath of loyalty to the Holy See and the oath against Modernist errors, according to the usual formulae, copies of which are hereto attached. These You will return, signed and sealed by Yourself and the aforementioned Bishop, as soon as possible to this Sacred Consistorial Congregation. And know that if You and the Bishop chosen as your consecrator fail to observe this command, then each of you will suffer the penalties by law established.

Before closing, We wish to inform You that You may retain the office which You have hitherto held as Rector of the Rochester Cathedral. And finally, We express Our wishes that your labors for Christ in this new field may be most fruitful, and be permeated with the abundance of God's grace.

Dated at St. Peter's in Rome, on the tenth day of the month of February, in the year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-three, and the Fourteenth of Our Pontificate.

For the Chancellor of the Holy Roman Church,
 Eugenio Cardinal Tisserant,
 Dean of the Sacred College,
 Edward De Felice,
 Prothonotary Apostolic,
 Albert Serafini,
 Prothonotary Apostolic.