



Assisting Archbishop Edward Mooney, in this photo taken in 1937 shortly before his transfer from Rochester to the Archdiocese of Detroit, is Father Lawrence Casey, newly named Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester. Bishop Casey served as secretary to Archbishop Mooney, now Cardinal Archbishop of Detroit, during the four years (1933-1937) the latter was fourth Bishop of Rochester.



Among the first priests who made oblation when Bishop James E. Kearney was installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester, November 11, 1937, was Father Lawrence B. Casey who will be consecrated Auxiliary to Bishop Kearney on Tuesday, May 5. Bishop Casey formerly served as secretary to Bishop Kearney for nine years.

Bishop Casey — Auxiliary Of Rochester

Service as secretary to three Rochester Bishops highlights career of Cathedral rector who will be elevated to episcopacy on May 5th

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THE Roman Catholic Bishop must be an efficient guide for the faithful in the use and practice of religion. The Bishop must excite the interest of the faithful and inspire them to the study and practice of religion as a living thing. And he must by aid of himself help in the development of the faithful's spiritual welfare.

Monsignor Lawrence B. Casey assumes these serious duties next Tuesday. He will be consecrated Bishop of Cea and Auxiliary to His Excellency James E. Kearney, Bishop of Rochester.

He will be expected to perform his duties to the letter. A Bishop must be a Builder, he must be Industrious, he must be Scholarly, he must be Holy, he must be Orderly, and he must be Patient.

Monsignor Casey's life spans hectic times. His childhood was spent in the furious days of World War I. As a student he had to withstand the temptations of the roaring Twenties. While a young priest he helped fight the

poverty and suffering of the depression.

During World War II, as a diocesan official, he struggled with pressing duty and heartbreak which that world conflict brought to every American community. And as a pastor he handled his parish during the trying times of postwar readjustment to the days when American boys were dying once again on foreign shores — this time in Korea.

God and time have tested Monsignor Casey. He has proved his mettle.

LAWRENCE Casey was born in Rochester, Sept. 6, 1905, to Joseph L. Casey and Agnes M. Switzer Casey. He attended Corpus Christi grammar school and later was graduated from Holy Rosary School in his native city.

From almost the beginning of his life the call of Jesus, "Come follow Me," beckoned him. To make the call clearer, the youth entered St. Andrew's Seminary in September, 1919,

and in 1924 began his final preparation for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary.

It was June 7, 1930 that the call "Come follow Me" rang crystal clear. Lawrence Casey was ordained a priest of God by the late Bishop John Francis O'Hern.

Lawrence Casey with his classmates lay prostrate before Bishop O'Hern in the sanctuary of old St. Patrick's Cathedral. From the Bishop they received their priestly powers to say Mass and administer the Sacraments.

Next Tuesday morning Monsignor Casey will lay prostrate before the same altar. The altar was moved to Sacred Heart Cathedral when St. Patrick's was torn down. At the same altar where he began his priestly life, Lawrence Casey starts his career as a Bishop.

Father Casey celebrated his first Solemn High Mass June 8, 1930 at Holy Rosary Church. He was appointed assistant pastor of Old St. Mary's Church in Rochester where

he served until October, 1932.

Bishop O'Hern named Father Casey vice-chancellor of the Diocese and made him his acting secretary. Father Casey was with Bishop O'Hern until the latter's death on May 22, 1933.

When Archbishop Mooney, now His Eminence Cardinal Mooney of Detroit, came to the Rochester See in October, 1933, he made Father Casey his secretary. Father Casey continued in this post throughout Archbishop Mooney's stay and from 1937 until 1946 with Bishop Kearney.

During his years with Archbishop Mooney and Bishop Kearney, Father Casey also was religious instructor at Our Lady of Mercy High School from September, 1937, until June 1945, and was Catholic chaplain at the Monroe County Jail from March, 1933, until February, 1946.

On Feb. 1, 1946, Father Casey was appointed pastor of Holy Cross Church in Charlotte. In the same month he accompanied Archbishop Mooney to Rome for the conferring of the Cardinal's hat on the former bishop of Rochester.

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