



Bishop Lawrence S. Casey, second from left, is shown with other men after his elevation to the rank of Domestic Prelate. Other Monsignori from left: Rt. Rev. Joseph A. Balcerak, Bishop Casey, Rt. Rev. John B. Sullivan, Rt. Rev. F. William Stouder, Rt. Rev. George W. Ick.

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and girls into the old Genesee Settlement House. These were depression days and few boys and girls had money for dances. The "price of admission" was listening to 35 minutes of religious instruction by Father Casey.

The young people packed the hall. The portable chairs were filled and so many more stood around the side walls and across the back. While Father Casey spoke Father Simonetti worked his way through the crowd maintaining order.

Discipline was no problem. The person who got out of order was put out. But since entertainment of any kind cost money and since the young people were out of pocket few of them got out of order.

Father Casey's work at Our Lady of Sorrows Church also included saying Sunday Mass and preaching at the Children's Mass. The children would pack the small church, the younger ones down front and the older ones in the rear. As he preached the children were about his feet and without even the slightest break in his sermon, Father Casey often reached out to administer a little necessary discipline.

Being industrious wasn't something that Father Casey began in the priesthood. It started long before.

When he was 13 years old Lawrence Casey worked as an errand boy in the press room of The Times Union, Rochester evening newspaper. For five years prior to that he peddled newspapers from Selye Ter. to Augustine St. in the 10th Ward.

In the summertime during these years the future Bishop operated a newsstand at Ontario Beach Park. He

catered to passengers of the old Manhattan Line. In those days an excursion to the beach at Charlotte was a treat to be planned for days, even weeks, in advance. The city as yet

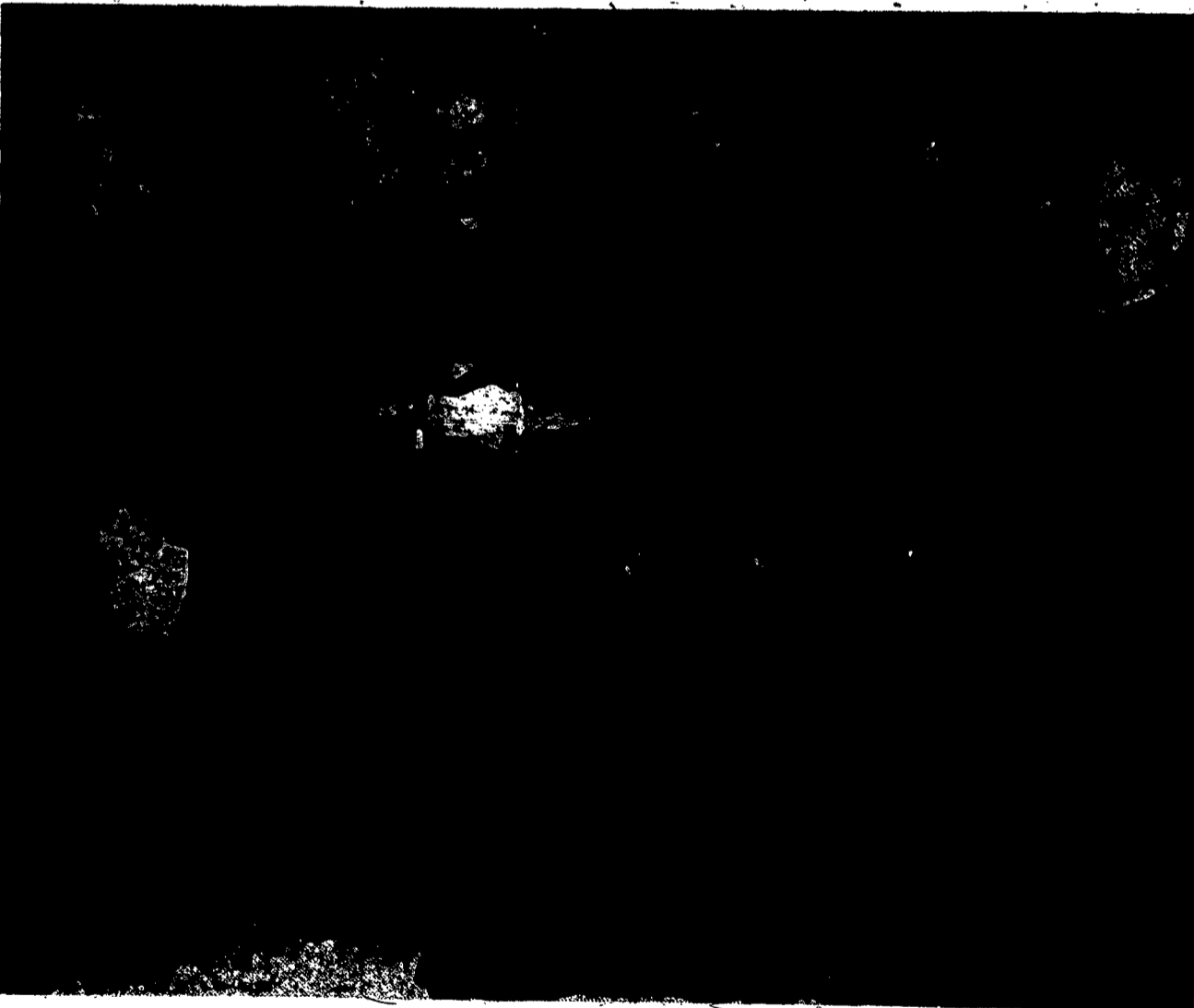
had not sprawled to the lake front and Ontario Beach was one of the coveted resort spots of Upstate New York.

In later years while a student at St.

Bernard's Seminary, the young man worked summers for the Rochester Park Department.

Of all his career, Father Casey has

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His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney, holding biretta in center, is shown awaiting official word of his elevation to the Cardinalate in 1946. In the circle at rear right is the then Father Lawrence S. Casey who accompanied the Cardinal to Rome.