

## The Hierarchy —

### 'Shepherds of

### The Flock'

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very ornate, is worn on feast days; the less ornate mitre, during Advent and Lent; and the simple mitre, lacking ornament, on Good Friday, at funerals and in the presence of the Holy Father.

The Crosier, or the bishop's pastoral staff, is a symbol of his authority and jurisdiction. It is a very ornate staff made of gold and set with jewels, gracefully crooked at the top. (The pastoral staff of the Holy Father is straight, surmounted by a cross; the crook in the bishop's staff is meant to show his subordination to the authority of the Pope.)

The Crosier has been used by bishops since the fifth century. Like the mitre, it, too, is conferred on the bishop at the rite of consecration and is used at all solemn pontifical functions.

The Pectoral Cross is the latest addition to the insignia of the bishop. It is made of some precious metal, ornamented with diamonds, pearls, and other precious gems and is worn at the breast, suspended on a chain or silken cord. Frequently containing

### First Pontifical, Reception Slated

Auxiliary Bishop Casey will celebrate his first Pontifical High Mass in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, May 17 at 10 o'clock. Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish are invited to attend.

On Wednesday morning, May 6, pupils of Sacred Heart School will attend the Cathedral at 8 o'clock to assist at the first Mass Bishop Casey will celebrate following his consecration.

A public reception will be held for the new Auxiliary Bishop in the Sacred Heart Hall also on Sunday, May 17, at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the afternoon. There will be no formal program. Bishop Casey will greet individually all the Cathedral parishioners and friends who come to the hall.

relics of the saints and a particle of the true Cross, the Pectoral Cross is a constant reminder to the bishop of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and the triumphs of the faith.

The Pallium, which had its origin probably in the fourth century, is an ecclesiastical ornament conferred only on archbishops. It is a circular cloth band about two inches wide worn over the shoulders above the chasuble. It may be worn only in the archbishop's own diocese and on great feasts of the Church or on such occasions as Ordination ceremonies. To the Pallium are attached two cloth pendants, one at the front, another at the back. The pendants are weighted with lead and covered with black silk, while the remainder of the Pallium is composed of white wool. Every pallium is fashioned from the wool of a lamb blessed every year on the feast of St. Agnes, January 21, in the Lateran Basilica in Rome. On the pallium are six small black crosses, one on each pendant, one on the breast and back, and one on each shoulder. Blessed on the feasts of Sts. Peter and Paul, the pallium is a symbol of the archbishop's participation in the supreme pastoral power.

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