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Consecration Gives Episcopal Power To Bishop Casey

Bishop Lawrence B. Casey became the newest member of the American Episcopate Tuesday morning in Rochester's Cathedral of the Sacred Heart through the "imposition of hands" and the prayer—"Receive the Holy Ghost"—of the consecrating prelate, His Eminence, Francis Cardinal Spellman.

When the co-consecrators, Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse and Bishop Alexander M. Zaleski, Auxiliary of Detroit, followed the Cardinal in imposing hands on Bishop

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Casey and saying "Receive the Holy Ghost," many of those watching the ceremony in the church or over television whispered in reverent recognition: "Now he is a bishop!"

The two-and-one half hour rites, which began at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning, were among the most impressive ever witnessed in the 85-year history of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

PRECEDING THE CEREMONY was a colorful procession of over 400 clergy and church dignitaries including a cardinal, two archbishops and 19 bishops. Trumpeters heralded the entrance of the colorful procession into the cathedral.

Hundreds of laity, including many civic officials, joined with the large body of clergy to crowd the cathedral which has a seating capacity of 900.

The new bishop's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Casey; his sister, Mrs. Harold Kelley and her husband; and his brother, Mr. Joseph L. Casey, Jr. and his wife viewed the ceremonies from the front pew on the Epistle side of the church.

When the principals of the consecration rite reached the sanctuary, Bishop Foery asked Cardinal Spellman to promote Bishop-Elect Casey to "the responsibility of the Episcopate."

The Cardinal replied by asking for the "Apostolic mandate" in which Pope Pius XII appointed the 47-year-old cathedral rector Titular Bishop of Goa and Auxiliary of the Bishop of Rochester.

This document was then read by the Rev. Leslie G. Whalen, vice-chancellor of the diocese, who acted as notary for the Apostolic brief.

FOLLOWING THE READING OF THE APOSTOLIC mandate, Cardinal Spellman, speaking in Latin, recalled St. Paul's warning—"Impose hands hastily on no man"—and through a series of questions examined the Bishop-Elect's qualifications for the episcopacy. To each question asking a pledge that he intended to carry out the duties of a bishop, the new Auxiliary answered with a firm "volo" (I will).

This examination was followed by a profession of belief in the fundamental truths of the Catholic Faith with Bishop Casey answering "I do believe" as the Cardinal asked the questions.

After these preliminaries, Cardinal Spellman began the Pontifical Mass which was interrupted following the singing of the Epistle for the rite of consecration which elevated the Bishop-Elect to the Episcopate.

For this rite the Cardinal, facing the congregation, was seated on a faldstool in the center of the top altar step. After a short prayer in which the consecrator asked God to bless the Bishop-Elect, the latter prostrated himself on the altar steps while the choir began the Litany of the Saints.

During the Litany the Cardinal and the two co-consecrators, each in turn, made the Sign of the Cross three times over the Bishop-Elect. The most solemn moment came at the conclusion of the Litany. Here the Bishop-Elect arose and knelt before Cardinal Spellman, while the open book of the Gospels was laid across the Elect's neck and shoulders.

THEN CARDINAL SPELLMAN IMPOSED HIS HANDS on the Elect's bowed head and said to him: "Receive the Holy Ghost." Bishops Foery and Zaleski then did the same. This essential and simple rite, the same rite by which Christ's Apostles appointed the bishops as their successors, conferred the Episcopal Order on Bishop Casey.

Next the Cardinal anointed Bishop Casey's head and hands with holy oil or chrism. As the Cardinal anointed Bishop Casey's head, he prayed: "May thy head be anointed and consecrated by heavenly benediction in the Pontifical Order."

At the anointing of the new Bishop's hands, the consecrator read this prayer: "May these hands be anointed with the sanctified oil and chrism of sanctification, as Samuel anointed David to be King and Prophet; so may they be anointed and consecrated."

The pastoral staff or crozier, the episcopal ring and the book of the Gospels were then blessed and presented to Bishop Casey by the Cardinal. In receiving the book of the Gospels from the Cardinal, the new Bishop was told: "Receive the Gospel and go preach to the people committed to thee, for God is powerful to increase His grace in thee."

This impressive rite of episcopal consecration was concluded by Cardinal Spellman and the two co-consecrators, each in turn, embracing the new Bishop with the "Kiss of Peace" and saying to him, "Peace be with you."

Next there came resumption of the celebration of the Pontifical Mass which Bishop Casey "con-celebrated" with Cardinal Spellman.

FOLLOWING THE SINGING OF THE GOSPEL by the deacon of the Mass, His Excellency Bishop Kearney who is currently serving his sixteenth year as Bishop of Rochester, delivered the sermon. He explained that the Bishop Casey was being consecrated by the same rites that were used by the Apostles themselves to consecrate new bishops as their successors.

Recalling celebrated bishops of the early Church, he said: "Ignatius and Clement, Polycarp and Soter and Anicetus, look out upon us from these holy rites that with slight changes were used upon themselves."

Hailing the elevation of his new Auxiliary, Bishop Kearney stated: "Today a new Bishop takes up his staff—a new name, a new presence, a new vigor, pressed into the service of the age-long government of the Church."

"He needs no word of mine to consecrate him," said Bishop Kearney. His warmth in the high moment of the Vicar of Christ and the hospitality of his own diocese were evident.

At the conclusion of the Mass, which saw Bishop Casey receive his episcopal vestments, the Cardinal and the two co-consecrators, each in turn, embracing the new Bishop with the "Kiss of Peace" and saying to him, "Peace be with you."



AUXILIARY BISHOP CASEY following his consecration on Tuesday at the Sacred Heart Cathedral poses in the Cathedral garden with Cardinal Spellman who consecrated him and Bishop Foery, who followed the sermon.



"RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST"—using the same simple and essential rite which the Apostles used for elevating Bishops as their successors, Cardinal Spellman imposes hands on Bishop Casey's head and prays, "Receive the Holy Ghost." Following the Cardinal, the co-consecrators, Bishop Foery (back to camera) and Bishop Zaleski (right in photo) repeated the same "imposition of hands" and the same prayer.

Thousands View Consecration Rites Via Television, Radio

Through the medium of television, thousands of people in the city of Rochester and surrounding areas were eye-witnesses to the historic rite of consecration on Tuesday morning when Bishop Lawrence B. Casey was raised to the hierarchy as Auxiliary to Bishop James E. Neenan.

WHAM-TV joined the cathedral crowd at 10:30 a.m. and carried them continuously until their conclusion at 12:25 p.m. The excellence of the TV presentation reflected long hours of careful planning by WHAM engineers and staff.

Expert and complete radio coverage of the almost three hour ceremony also was provided thousands more area listeners by Station WYNY in Rochester.

Royal gold and scarlet flashed in the spring sunshine before the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart as more than 400 clergy, including 23 bishops, gathered to proclaim a new Prince of the Church.

For an hour before the ceremony, which began at 10 a.m., clergy and laity arrived on the magnificent Flower City Park to witness the first Episcopal consecration in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Ushers, in formal attire and wearing white buttonholes, received civic officials, members of Bishop Casey's family and friends and Sisters from the many diocesan communities.

Civic notables present included Mayor Samuel B. Disher, City Manager Louis B. Cartwright, Councilman Lawrence Edmister and Frank Nizer, Sheriff Albert W. Skinner and Judge Charles Kaufmann.

Labor and industry were represented by James Burke, president of the local A. F. of L. unit, John Cooper, regional C.I.O. leader, T. J. Margrave of the Business Kodak Company and John P. Boylan, executive board member of the Rochester Telephone Company.

The clergy, including Monsignor Walter J. Neenan, vicar general of the Sacred Heart School, the visiting Bishops and Cardinal Spellman, vested in the Cathedral Rectory.

NEWLY APPOINTED Police Chief William A. Winfield assigned a post and present president of the Rochester Police Association, William S. Thomas, Jeweler, 511 Main St., Rochester 501-4400.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR MOTHERS: A reliable Tanager or White-Bellied Nuthatch. Tanager, 511 Main St., Rochester 501-4400. Nuthatch, 511 Main St., Rochester 501-4400.

PHOTO
Photographs of Bishop Casey's Consecration appearing in this issue were taken by Courier Staff Photographers, Raymond Kearney and T. Gordon Neenan.

Holy Name Society to assist in the proceedings.

Crowds gathered in front of the Cathedral and a feeling of excitement rose steadily until 9:30 when the procession began to the Cathedral.

From the school across the street, a seemingly unending line of clergy slowly proceeded across Flower City Park. The black cassocks and white surplices of diocesan priests were here and there broken by the colorful habits of members of the various religious orders.

The Redemptorist Fathers, Franciscan monks in both black and brown cowls, the bearded Capuchins, and the Dominicans in stark white habits and black choir capes filed by.

Then the Basilian Fathers, the Pious Fathers in white soutanes embroidered with the Sacred Heart, Benedictine monks in black pleated robes, and the Anthonym Fathers with their red-trimmed grey habits proceeded into the Cathedral.

Carmelite Fathers in brown cowls and white cloaks; Fathers of the Holy Cross, the Congregation of the Precious Blood, Divine Word Fathers, Jesuits, Passionists, and a White Father of Africa in his sweeping white cape, took their places on the left-hand side of the Church.

At the very end of the line came the Rev. Girard McGinley, Superior of the Trappist community at Plaffard, the Order vowed to perpetual silence, dressed in the full white choir robe.

Over 400 priests and religious passed by in this steady line of clergy representing 17 religious orders and secular clergy from many dioceses.

AS AT ANOTHER feat, "the heat was saved until last." As the last of the procession of diocesan clergy and religious passed into the Cathedral beneath the Gothic arch decorated with the colorful coats-of-arms of Cardinal Spellman, Bishop Kearney and Bishop Casey, another procession began.

The stately ranks of the secular clergy: the white, grey and brown of the religious habits now were eclipsed by the matching ranks of papal chamberlains and domestic prelates. The brilliant red-purple of the monsignors

walking two by two, reflected the glory of the day as they passed through the uniformed police cordons which formed guard to the very door of the Cathedral.

Among the Domestic Prelates who filed in was a face familiar to the Rochester people, the Rt. Rev. Magr. Thomas J. O'Hern, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Church, Buffalo, brother of Rochester's third bishop, John Francis O'Hern.

WHILE EACH division of the procession entered the Cathedral, the organ, played by Gerald Vogt, swelled in a stately march proclaiming greater things to come.

From the Sacred Heart Rectory came the visiting Archbishops and Bishops from dioceses throughout the United States. Each Bishop, clad in the royal purple of his office, was accompanied by two chaplains, one on either side.

Some were familiar faces, shepherds who had ruled for many years, others were young men, almost as new to their office as our Auxiliary Bishop, all were faces bearing the dignity of their eminent membership in the Hierarchy.

ONE ORIENTAL rite prelate, the Most Rev. Ambrose Beyshy, O.S.B.M., Auxiliary Bishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese of the United States from Stamford, Conn., was a distinguished figure in the line of Latin Rite Bishops.

His Excellency's robe, while the same magenta color of the other prelates, was crossed with bands of gold embroidery and clasped at the neck with two long medallions of Our Lord and the Blessed Mother.

Bishop Beyshy's headpiece was the oriental cap worn by bishops of the Greek rite, a high, curved filia, topped by a miniature gold cross.

MARCHING IN A position of honor in the line of bishops was Rochester's own Bishop Kearney, smiling, bestowing his blessing, and nodding to greetings. No one present was more cognizant of the honor being done his Diocese of Rochester on this Consecration Day.

Bishop Casey proceeded after his Superior, accompanied by his co-consecrators, Bishop Walter Foery of Syracuse, who 16 years before was consecrated in this city and Bishop Alexander Zaleski.

Beautiful arrangements for dinner, prepared by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 511 Main St., Rochester 501-4400.



"AD MULTOS ANNOS"—Long years of happiness in the episcopacy were wished by a cheering crowd to Auxiliary Bishop Casey as he emerged smiling from the Sacred Heart Cathedral following his consecration Tuesday morning. Accompanying him here are his co-consecrators, Bishop Walter A. Foery (left in photo) of Syracuse, and Bishop Alexander Zaleski, Auxiliary of Detroit.



His Eminence's face, like that of Bishop Casey, was serious, his eyes distant. As he passed through the doors of the Cathedral, a fanfare of trumpets announced his arrival and continued in stirring tones as the Cardinal proceeded down the