

'BISHOP KEARNEY JUBILEE DAY'

Diocese To Hail 'Chief Shepherd' On 25th Year In Hierarchy

EDITORIAL

'Behold Our High Priest!'

By BISHOP LAWRENCE B. CASEY

THE SILVER JUBILEE of Bishop Kearney is a time of jubilee for all in the Diocese of Rochester.

All of us — clergy, religious and laity — can find joy and happiness in the outstanding service which our beloved Chief Shepherd has provided for this Diocese during the past two decades.

In Bishop Kearney's long and devoted care of souls, in his continuous record of achievements in our behalf, we recognize the approving hand of God raised in benediction over all of us.

Most of his 25 years in the episcopacy have been spent here in this See of Rochester. For 20 years, since November 10, 1937, until this hour, Bishop Kearney has worked tirelessly to guard and strengthen the Church in the Diocese of Rochester, the heritage entrusted to his care by Christ Himself.

Very properly, we feel, a kind Providence has arranged to have our Chief Shepherd celebrate his Episcopal Jubilee with us who have known him so long, with us who know and love him best.

OUR TWELVE-COUNTY DIOCESE with its 351,000 souls has been the great stage of his apostolic labors and zeal for the Faith. Here with us he has watched an entire generation grow from the cradle to manhood and womanhood, and played a true fatherly role in their spiritual development.

Here in this Diocese of Rochester, Bishop Kearney has brought honor to his apostolic office, always fulfilling faithfully his duties of guiding, teaching and sanctifying the flock of Christ.

As a ruler over the Church he has provided a selfless and prudent leadership, seeking only the good of souls and the glory of God.

As a teacher, divinely sent to us, he has made our towns and hills and valleys echo and reecho with the same truth that Christ Himself once preached from the Mount and in the hamlets of Galilee.

As the High Priest of this Diocese he has ordained and continued for us the priesthood whose ministry provides us with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the grace of the Sacraments. Through his administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation he has renewed the fires of Pentecost in the souls of thousands.

BISHOP KEARNEY'S CAREER in our Diocese clearly illustrates the ancient axiom which says that "without a bishop there can be no church." As a successor of the Apostles, every bishop exercises the authority and powers which Christ gave to His Apostles, the power to rule, teach, and sanctify the faithful.

Here in our Diocese we have the Church because we have the Bishop, here the Church and the Faith live because we have an Apostle of Christ. Through the exercise of Bishop Kearney's episcopal and apostolic powers, we have the Church and enjoy today in our Diocese a true golden age of the Faith.

If we seek visible and tangible monuments of Bishop Kearney's work and achievements we need only look about us. See the new churches, the schools, the convents and monasteries. See the hospitals, colleges and seminaries. All these bespeak the zeal of our Bishop supported by his loyal and generous flock.

However, this impressive array of achievements in stone and mortar does not spell out the complete story of Bishop Kearney's long years of service to the Church in our Diocese. The whole story of his efforts is known only to God alone and is written in the secret sanctuaries of the souls of thousands of our people.

LIKE THE MANY THREADS woven into a great tapestry, Bishop Kearney's career is woven irrevocably into the fabric of Church life in this Diocese of Rochester.

He is "our Bishop." We are his people. Therefore, we hail this hour of jubilee as an hour which belongs to us as well as himself.

Next Sunday afternoon (October 27), from the four corners of our Diocese, we shall gather in the Rochester War Memorial to pay public tribute to our Chief Shepherd on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee.

We sincerely trust that our Bishop will find some joy in the presence of so many of us gathered around him. We trust, too, that this Silver Jubilee observance will bring to us a new confidence in the rewards which come to those who serve Christ faithfully.

Men pass on, and the things of this world pass with them. But good works and charity are never lost. They are recorded by God, and the names of those who have labored for the Gospel, bishops, priests and men and women of the Faith are recorded in the Book of Life.

As our beloved Bishop Kearney marks his Silver Jubilee we join in affectionate salute to him with words borrowed from the lips of the Church herself:

"Behold, a great priest, who in his days pleased God was found just."

THE CATHOLIC *Courier Journal*

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE ROCHESTER DIOCESE

69th Year

ROCHESTER, N. Y., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1962

10 Cents

Holy Communion Day Slated As People's Tribute

"Holy Communion Day" for the intention of His Excellency Bishop Kearney will be observed this coming Sunday (October 27) throughout all parishes of the Rochester Diocese.

As a spiritual tribute to their Chief Shepherd on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary of episcopal consecration, the faithful of the Diocese will march to the communion rails of their respective churches this Sunday.

Along with their reception of Holy Communion for the Bishop's intention, Catholics of the Diocese will also offer their assistance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and their special prayers.

This diocesan-wide tribute will be formally presented to Bishop Kearney in the form of a Spiritual Bouquet from his people at the civic ceremonies scheduled in his honor Sunday afternoon in the Rochester War Memorial.

The invitation to join in the spiritual tribute to Bishop Kearney was made to the parishes by His Excellency Lawrence B. Casey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese.

"Your Holy Communion, Masses and prayers," Bishop Casey told the faithful, "will be a genuine expression of affection and gratitude to our Chief Shepherd. I am sure that he will prize your spiritual gifts offered in his behalf more than anything that you might do for him."

Holidays Granted Diocesan Schools

Bishop Kearney's Silver Jubilee observance will bring two holidays to diocesan schools, Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools, has announced.

Diocesan schools will be closed on Monday, October 22 when Bishop Kearney will offer a Pontifical Jubilee Mass in the Sacred Heart Cathedral for the attendance exclusively of the nuns.

Thursday, November 7th also will be a free day for diocesan schools when Bishop Kearney again will celebrate a Pontifical Jubilee Mass in the Cathedral. Cardinal Spellman will preside at this Mass which the clergy and general public will attend.

JUBILEE ISSUE

A 96-PAGE supplement with cover portrait in full color of His Excellency Bishop Kearney is included in this edition of the Courier-Journal.

THIS supplement feature, which will be received by all 96,000 subscribers of the Courier-Journal, is dedicated to Bishop Kearney's Silver Anniversary in the Episcopacy and his Twentieth Anniversary as Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester.

FEATURING photos and special articles, this Jubilee Edition recalls Bishop Kearney's quarter of a century of service in the American Hierarchy and cites his outstanding accomplishments as Bishop of Rochester, particularly in education, church expansion, and spiritual and civic leadership.

SILVER JUBILARIAN



Most Reverend JAMES E. KEARNEY Bishop of Rochester

Civic Celebration To Recall Prelate's Service To Diocese

Men, women and children from all sections of the Diocese will gather at Rochester's War Memorial this Sunday afternoon (October 27) in an impressive silver jubilee tribute to their "devoted shepherd in Christ" for the last twenty years — James E. Kearney, fifth Bishop of Rochester.

The program, culminating months of planning, will be replete with pageantry, color, song and a personal message from the Most Reverend Jubilarian. Doors at the Memorial will open at 3 o'clock.

Actual anniversary date of the Bishop's episcopal consecration — and also his seventy-third birthday — is next Monday, October 28th. On that date, twenty-five years ago, he was raised to the ranks of the American Hierarchy by the late Cardinal Patrick Hayes, then Archbishop of New York.

After serving for five years as head of the Diocese of Salt Lake in Utah, Bishop Kearney was installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester on Armistice Day (Nov. 11), 1937 in formal ceremonies at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The program will begin at the War Memorial at 3 o'clock with the screening of nearly seventy photos recalling Bishop Kearney's wide range of diocesan activities during the past two decades.

The program will open with a procession from the rear of the War Memorial to the stage. In the procession will be the Citizen's Committee, representing nearly 100 community leaders of all faiths, the Papal Knights, the Executive Committee which is directing the affair, all diocesan monsignori, His Excellency, Auxiliary Bishop Casey and his chaplains and finally Bishop Kearney and his chaplains.

Music selections to be interspersed during the program will be rendered by the Glee Clubs of St. John Fisher and Nazareth Colleges and the choir of St. Bernard's Seminary.

AUXILIARY BISHOP Casey will extend a welcome to those assembled while the greetings of the city will be given by Mayor Peter Barry.

Chairman of the meeting is Dr. Leo F. LaPalma, a member of the Executive Committee headed by Auxiliary Bishop Casey. Other members of the Executive Committee include Harold J. Coleman, Frank E. Wolfe, Robert E. Ginn, the Hon. John P. Lomenzo, William A. Lang and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall.

The photos, shown on a "This Is Your Life" pattern, will be narrated by Homer Bliss of the staff of WROCTV. Spoken interludes in the presentation will be carried by the Rev. Michael P. O'Brien, Carl S. Hallauer, chairman of the Citizen's Committee, Mark H. Tuohy III, and Alice Elizabeth Boyce.

SPEAKING in behalf of the clergy and laity of the Rochester Diocese will be the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maynard A. Connell, Ph.D., pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church.

Two colleagues, both in the year in which Bishop Kearney was installed will present him with a spiritual bouquet in behalf of all diocesanians. They are Michael Judd of St. John Fisher College and Gretchen Oster of Nazareth College.

After the concluding remarks by Bishop Kearney, the glee clubs, choir and audience will join in singing the national anthem. Jerry Vogt will be at the organ during the entire program. James Trayhern is author of the script for the showing of the films.

Art-Carved Diamond Rings, Budget Payments, William S. Thorne Jeweler, 318 Main St. East—Adv.

1,200 Nuns To Attend Jubilee Mass

Members of all religious Sisterhoods now working in the Rochester Diocese will have a special part in the observance of Bishop Kearney's Silver Jubilee of consecration in the episcopacy.

THE BISHOP will celebrate a Pontifical Jubilee Mass for all the nuns of the Diocese at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday, October 28 at 11 a.m. This day will mark the actual anniversary date of the Bishop's consecration—on October 28, 1932—in New York City. Next Monday is also the Bishop's 73rd birthday.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate another Pontifical Jubilee Mass for the public on Thursday, November 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Cathedral when Cardinal Spellman will preside.

Some 1,200 nuns, it is expected, will be in attendance at the Monday Mass. Because of the large number expected, attendance at the Mass will be limited to the nuns.

The sermon at the Mass will be preached by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, P.A., vicar general of the Diocese and pastor of Old St. Mary's Church.

Assisting Bishop Kearney, as officers of the Mass, will be members of the Diocesan Curia: ASSISTANT PRIEST, Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, chancellor; Deacon of Honor, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles E. Shroy and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Richard E. Burns; Deacon of the Mass, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle; Subdeacon of the Mass, Rev. George Cozzani.

Master of Ceremonies will be the Rev. Edward J. McAniff. Minor officers will be students of St. Bernard's Seminary.

St. Bernard's Seminary Choir under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, will sing the Mass. Mr. Louis H. Huybrechts will be the organist.

In the Solemn Hours, flowers are more comforting than words. In the beauty of flowers in celebration of her 73th birthday, all who have nurtured and blessed her life, please send flowers to the Bishop's residence, 318 Main St. East—Adv.