

Former Bishops

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cemetery on Lake Ave. was to rid his Diocese of any last traces of the bitter nationalistic divisions he had found at his arrival here. By bringing together at least in death all who called themselves Catholic, Bishop McQuaid could point out the absurdity of those who lived as if blood were more important than faith. His annual rite of blessing graves was an effective means of uniting all the faithful in common prayer for the Poor Souls who no longer counted their national pride as of much consequence.

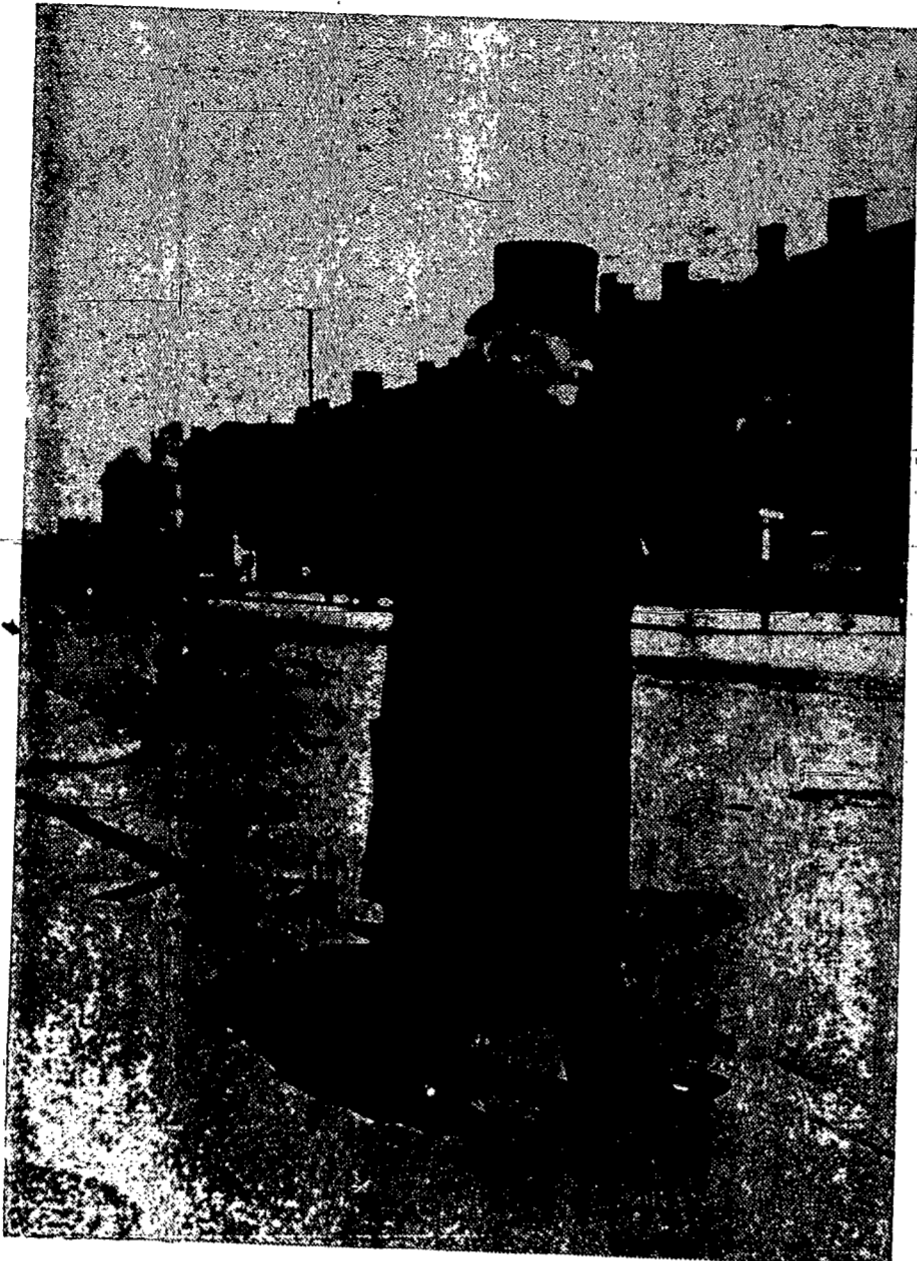
Over thirty years as Bishop of Rochester finally took their toll on Bishop McQuaid. He had come here at the age of 43, fresh from his consecration as a bishop in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on July 12, 1868. Strain and physical exhaustion at last forced him at the age of 81 to ask for an assistant bishop.

Rochester born Father Thomas F. Hickey, ordained by Bishop McQuaid in 1884 and later to be his vicar general, was named to be Coadjutor Bishop with the right of succession.

Four years later, Bishop McQuaid, keen and alert to the end, looked out from his rectory sick room to the spire and snow-shrouded roof of the venerable old St. Patrick's Cathedral at Platt and Plymouth Ave. Morning Mass had just ended. He prayed one last prayer for the Poor Souls and the Mass next morning was offered for the repose of the soul of Rochester's first Bishop. He died Jan. 18, 1909 at 9 a.m. Half a century later his Diocese still lives, vigorous and advancing on the foundations he had laid.

ARCHBISHOP HICKEY

WHEN A MAN departs this world,



BISHOP BERNARD J. McQUAID
First Bishop of Rochester

no matter how high or low his station in life, he wishes to leave some monument of his life's work.

Rochester's second Bishop, Thomas F. Hickey, left monuments of brick and mortar that will endure and thrive as long as the Rochester Diocese exists.

Aquinas Institute, Mercy High School, Nazareth Academy and Nazareth College, Auburn's Mercy Hospital, Elmira's St. Joseph Hospital, and the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph are some of the outstanding accomplishments of the Rochester born prelate.

He also pioneered in the "released-time" program now established by law throughout New York State to provide religious instruction to public school pupils. This program permits public school pupils to attend Church sponsored classes at off-public-school property for an hour each week. This system respects the American principle of separation between Church and State.

Other systems of religious education for public school children have been recently outlawed by Supreme Court decisions. The released-time program worked out by Bishop Hickey testifies to his zeal for souls and his foresight as a Churchman living in a pluralistic society.

BISHOP HICKEY was one of the first graduates of St. Andrew's Seminary and after studies at St. Joseph's Provincial Seminary at Troy knelt in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, to be ordained March 25, 1884, by the Bishop he would later succeed in office.

After ordination, the then Father Hickey served as curate at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, and then as pastor of St. Patrick's at Moravia. In 1895, he was appointed chaplain of the State Industrial School located at that time at the present Edgerton Park, Rochester.

It was here that Father Hickey gained his deep conviction that religion is the only sure foundation of good citizenship. He realized the urgent need of instructing children in public schools in a systematic course of religion. Later as Bishop he worked with the Rochester Board of Education to establish the "released-time" program which is now State law.

Prior to his becoming Coadjutor Bishop, Father Hickey was rector of the Cathedral and vicar general of the Diocese. He was appointed in 1905 by Pope St. Pius X to assist the aging Bishop McQuaid and was consecrated a bishop by the Apostolic

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