

Shepherd in Christ

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In the Blessed Sacrament lead the people to encourage and foster the growth of the 27-year-old National Adoration Society.

4,000 MEN throughout the diocese on the organization's rosters for some 20,000 hours of devotion each year, given in "holiest" hours of the night. The Bishop terms the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

Bishop Kearney endorsed the Daily Mass League in 1955, now numbering 500 throughout the Diocese, and fully approved for the League's members Vatican approval and indulgence privileges.

Patriotism has been the favorite theme of his many addresses to groups of Columbus groups. At a 4th Degree Initiation of the Knights, Bishop Kearney reminded them that "patriotism and religion go hand in hand. The stronger our religion is, the stronger will be our patriotic feelings."

His stress on religion and patriotism also made the Bishop a strong supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. From his interest in their program in the Diocese, Bishop Kearney organized the Laymen's Diocesan Scout Council on Scouting.

The Family Rosary for Peace was given full authorization by Bishop Kearney and on all major feasts of the Blessed Virgin, he leads the Rosary over Rochester Radio Station WYAY. Since 1950, the Rosary has been recited every evening of the month from the Family Rosary Center at St. Francis Assisi Church.

A strong supporter of Our Lady's daily in the parishes and schools.



"Our Bishop" keeps close to his people.

Bishop Kearney has termed the Sodality as "the answer to modern needs of youth." He has continually urged Sodality to strengthen their faith while in school in preparation for the future, and warned that "eternal vigilance is the price of faith."

Again, his strong devotion to Our

Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to Our Lady caused the establishment of the First Friday Club and the First Saturday Club, both of which he addresses annually.

SPONSORED BY the Knights of Columbus, the First Friday Club brings together Catholic Men on

First Friday noon who have received Communion that morning.

The First Saturday Club for women was formed to foster devotion recommended by Our Lady of Fatima.

On Bishop Kearney's invitation, both the Catholic Central Verein and the Knights of St. Peter Claver have held national conventions in Rochester. He offers Mass and is the principal luncheon speaker each year for the Diocesan convention of the National Council of Catholic Women.

Largest church organization for men in the Diocese, the Holy Name Union, has always had the Bishop's strongest support. Besides the Police-men's Holy Name Society, he formed the Firemen's and Post Office Employees Holy Name groups.

The Bishop was the originator of the annual College Fair sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae. Each year he is honored with a banquet by the Rochester Catholic Women's Club, of which he is spiritual moderator.

FAITHFUL TO HIS Irish heritage, Bishop Kearney offers a St. Patrick Day Mass each year for members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and is honored guest and speaker at Knights of Equity St. Patrick's Day dinner.

The Bishop is a former national Spiritual Advisor of the Knights of St. John and Ladies Auxillary. A former state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Kearney is a great exponent of the organization's education program, a frequent speaker at their conventions and guest at degree functions.

One of Rochester's leading newspaper photographers remarked to a Catholic friend: "That Bishop of yours must be twins! He's everywhere! How does he do it?"

Thanks to his tireless energy, the same day may find him on a lecture platform, beside a sick bed, turning the earth at a cornerstone rite, reciting the Rosary over the radio, addressing a civic meeting, and offering the Holy Sacrifice. Bishop Kearney is always with his people.

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