



"... he gets at the heart of things..."

**The Bishop
Of Rochester**

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At the first Pontifical Mass celebrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Cardinal Spellman after his return in 1946 from Rome where he received the "Red Hat", Bishop Kearney was selected to deliver the sermon of welcome in behalf of the clergy, laity and other bishops of the state.

As Cardinal Spellman's representative he delivered the Silver Jubilee commencement address in 1948 at Good Counsel College in White Plains. In 1950 he gave the sermon at the Catholic University Mass held in observance of the eleventh anniversary of the coronation of Pope Pius XII.

ALONG WITH HIS recognized reputation for spiritual leadership of his own people, Bishop Kearney today throughout all the communities of his Diocese, also enjoys a reputation for patriotic and civic leadership. All his fellow citizens agree, non-Catholics as well as Catholics, that the Bishop of Rochester ranks among the first citizens of the community in patriotic and civic devotion.

This sensitivity to his civic role and his readiness to extend a hand of welcome to all those in the community were forecast by the Bishop himself in his very first sermon in the Diocese. This was at his installation ceremony in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on November 11, 1937. Recognizing the presence of many of those who came to honor him were not Catholics, the Bishop stated:

"The respectful tribute of those outside my Faith represents a tribute of respect and honor which a conscientious follower of the lowly Christ should trouble to accept were he not conscious that the tribute comes to the high and holy office which he today assumes as the ambassador of Christ in this community."

The high esteem which Bishop Kearney enjoys among his fellow citizens was dramatically revealed earlier this year when he was confined as a patient in St. Mary's Hospital. An avalanche of messages expressing concern and offering encouragement poured in upon the Bishop from citizens of every rank and creed in the community.

When the program marking his forthcoming Silver Jubilee in the episcopacy was first announced, a distinguished committee of Roch-

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St. Andrew's Parish

offers

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on his

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