

Bishop Given Record Ovation From 12,000 In City Memorial

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People's Tribute 'Greatest' In Rochester History

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Cardinal, 32 Of Hierarchy To Attend Bishop's Mass



His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will lead thirty members of the American Hierarchy to Rochester next week for a special tribute to His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

The distinguished church leaders representing dioceses throughout the United States, will attend a Pontifical Mass which Bishop Kearney will celebrate next Thursday (Nov. 7) at 10:30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The Mass next Thursday will climax observances marking Bishop Kearney's 25th anniversary of consecration and his 20th anniversary as Bishop of Rochester. He was installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester on Armistice Day, November 11, 1937 in the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Cardinal Spellman will preside at the Bishop's Jubilee Mass and His Excellency Lawrence E. Casey, Auxiliary of Rochester, will deliver the sermon.

PUBLIC INVITED
The laity are invited to attend Bishop Kearney's Jubilee Mass on Nov. 7th in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Pontifical Mass, with Bishop Kearney as celebrant and Cardinal Spellman presiding, will start at 10:30 a.m. The procession of Bishops and clergy into the Cathedral will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

Bishop Kearney this week extended a cordial invitation to the general public to attend his Jubilee Mass.

Also invited to attend are clergy from the Rochester Diocese and church officials from other dioceses, delegates from the religious communities of the Diocese and civic officials.

Members of the Hierarchy who have accepted invitations to the Bishop's Mass include two archbishops: Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley, Archbishop-Bishop of St. Augustine, Florida, and the Most Rev. Henry J. O'Brien, Archbishop of Hartford, Connecticut.

Other Bishops who have signified their intention of coming are:

Most Rev. Thomas K. Gorman, Bishop of Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas.

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'You Made My Dreams Come True' —Bishop Kearney



BISHOP JAMES E. KEARNEY
Arriving At War Memorial

By MONSIGNOR PATRICK FLYNN

Bishop Kearney has broken all records for attendance at the Rochester War Memorial. More than 12,000 men, women and children overflowed the Memorial on last Sunday for civic ceremonies marking the Bishop's Silver Jubilee of episcopal consecration and his twentieth anniversary as Bishop of Rochester.

A host of 11,000 well wishers, including church and civic dignitaries, crowded the Memorial's vast auditorium while an estimated 1,500 more found seats in the downstairs exhibit hall where they listened to the jubilee program via public address system.

The colorful rites began promptly at 4:30 Sunday afternoon but well in advance of the official hour every seat and all available standing room in the auditorium were occupied. Even the aisles, stairways and exits were crowded. Fire inspectors were forced to close the auditorium doors to any more entrants one half hour before the program's opening.

THE THOUSANDS who came to the Memorial were determined and sincere in their desire to show affection and respect to their Chief Shepherd. They came despite the difficulties of long travel, in some cases hundreds of miles, from the far-flung borders and corners of the 12-county Diocese of Rochester.

They braved rough weather — a morning-long, heavy snow fall which threatened to grow worse and impede the travel homeward.

The crowd arrived early at the Memorial. At least one half hour before the doors were officially scheduled to open at 3 o'clock, there was a half-mile long line of patient waiters. Many of them had started from their homes in the morning in order to see the Bishop and pay him honor on his Silver Jubilee.

This was an orderly crowd, quietly obeying all directions from police and ushers. A first-aid station manned by a doctor and three nurses from St. Mary's Hospital, happily reported no casualties or other mishaps.

As happy as anybody in the auditorium was His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop Casey, who early last summer began planning for Bishop Kearney's Silver Jubilee celebration. With his well-earned reputation for devotion to details, Bishop Casey carried through to the final moment before the program started.

He arrived at the War Memorial at 2:30 in the afternoon and spent the two hours prior to the program's commencement touring the Memorial, inspecting the arrival and ushering of the crowds, and checking on last moment details.

His pleasure at the turnout was evident when he walked to the microphone to welcome the vast assemblage that had come to honor Bishop Kearney.

"What a happy sight," said Bishop Casey, "to see this huge gathering here to pay their respects to a man! This will live

By FATHER HENRY ATWELL

Bishop Kearney received the greatest tribute ever offered a Rochester citizen when over twelve thousand packed the city's War Memorial last Sunday to honor him on the occasion of his silver jubilee.

The throngs represented all ranks, came from every walk of life, travelled from Auburn, Ithaca, Elmira and every corner of the Rochester Diocese.

All were agreed that the Bishop of Rochester deserved every word of praise heaped upon him as the jubilee program unfolded the dramatic chapters of his twenty years as head of the 12 county Rochester Diocese.

The jubilarian Bishop this week marks his 75th birthday, his 25th anniversary as a bishop, the 20th year as head of the Rochester Diocese, and the beginning of his 50th year in the priesthood.

Civic leaders, church dignitaries, children took their turn at the microphone on the flower-decked stage of the War Memorial to present their anniversary greetings and to recount the accomplishments of Bishop Kearney in fields as diverse as college commencement lectures and writing songs for children to sing.

AS GELIMAN of the program, Bishop Kearney touched the hearts of the vast audience as he spoke his humble thanks for "all the nice things you have said about me today."

He said his role as Bishop was quite like that of the fellow who carries the ball across the goal line for a touchdown. That fellow gets all the praise. His name is the one splashed across the headlines, but nobody knows better than he does that he would never have gained an inch if he didn't have a team to open the way for him.

The Bishop pointed to his all-Occasion officials and "to you my people." "You are my team," he said. "You are the ones who have made my dreams come true."

SPEAKING for the clergy and laity of the Diocese was the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Maynard A. Connell, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, Irondequoit. He detailed "the measure of a man" who opens scores of schools to welcome teams of thousands of children, provide the very best education for them, and then has the "humble heart" to thank parents for the privilege of training their little ones.

He also outlined other "facets" of the Bishop's life, stressing his devotion to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to "our blessed Lady."

Monsignor Connell voiced the respect of the priests of the Diocese for their Bishop. "Bishop Kearney has been our father and our friend... patient with our mistakes, quick to praise us for our successes," Monsignor Connell said.

ESCORTING Bishop Kearney to the War Memorial's stage at the start of the program were 80 civic and industrial leaders, members of the executive committee which planned the anniversary program, papal knights in black, caped papal chamberlains and scarlet-clad monsignori.

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BISHOP CASEY
'Day To Remember'



CARL HALLAUER
'Civic Gratitude'

forever in his memory and I am sure in ours as well."

THE SUNDAY turnout of so many thousands who paid tremendous tribute to the 73-year-old Bishop of Rochester, demonstrated the deep hold that he has on the affections of his people. On hand, of course, were distinguished leaders of Church and civic life. But mostly they were the people — the rank-and-file people who came to honor "The People's Bishop," as Dr. Leo LaPlante, chairman of the program, aptly styled the jubilarian.

Here were the young and old. Here were the teenagers and small youngsters firmly held in hand by their parents. Several watched the ceremonies from wheelchairs.

EVEN SOME small infants, nestled in their mothers' arms, will learn someday that they shared in a high moment of local Church history. The faint and occasional cries of these infants, like Rita Gutmann (two-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gutmann of St. John's Parish, Greece, properly complemented the people's tribute to the People's Bishop.

"Of course," said Rita's mother, "she won't know what is going on, but we thought that some day she would like to know that she had been here."

TYPICAL, TOO, of the spirit of the many who came to honor Bishop Kearney were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cassidy of St. Mary's Church, Elmira. With their two young daughters



MARK TUOHY III
'Children's Bishop'

CONGRATULATIONS — Thomas J. Hargrave, chairman of Eastman Kodak Company, congratulates Bishop Kearney on his jubilee. Mr. Hargrave was one of 90-member Citizens' Committee which escorted the Bishop at War Memorial rites marking his anniversary.



CHILDREN'S BISHOP — Bishop Kearney gives special greeting to Alice Elizabeth Boyce and Mark Tuohy III who styled him the "Children's Bishop." Representing diocesan schools at the civic tribute to the Bishop, the youngsters presented a bouquet of roses.

Jubilee Mass On WHAM

The full program of the Solemn Jubilee Mass which Bishop Kearney will celebrate in the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Thursday morning, November 7th will be broadcast on Thursday evening from 7:30 to 9 over Rochester Radio Station WHAM.

The broadcast will include the sermon preached at the Mass by Bishop Casey.

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You Can Eat Meat Today

Today, Friday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints, a holyday of obligation when Catholics must assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Because today is the Feast of All Saints, Catholics are dispensed from the regular Friday law of abstinence from meat.

On her birthday send your Mother flowers. What a thrill she will get with your bouquet of fresh, bright flowers and a Hallmark Card. It's simple, call Blanchard Florist, 58 Lake Avenue, BA 5-9494.—Adv.



THEY CAME EARLY — The Sunday turnout for Bishop Kearney Day set a new attendance record at the Rochester War Memorial. Stream closed doors a half hour before the scheduled opening of the ceremonies at 4:30 p.m.