

# People's Tribute 'Greatest' In Rochester History

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Auditory Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, accompanied by Rev. Edward J. McAniff and Rev. George A. Cozzani, preceded the Bishop.

Pink lights flooded the vast auditorium as Bishop Kearney began the near tenth of a mile trek to the stage. Attended by his vicar general, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, and his chancellor, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, Bishop Kearney was met with waves after waves of applause as he walked down the aisle of the jammed packed Memorial.

First to stand at the microphone was Bishop Casey. He welcomed the thousands who came to pay their respects to Bishop Kearney in a demonstration of devotion which will live forever in his memory. Bishop Casey cited the enthusiastic cooperation of all who were invited in any way to play a part in the jubilee program.

Dr. Leo F. LaPalko, friend and physician of the jubilarian Bishop, served as chairman of the program. He termed the Bishop the "perfect patient" during his three months illness earlier this year. He stated the wish that Bishop Kearney be blessed with "continued good health" for many years to come.

Mayor Peter M. Barry of Rochester voiced the civic tribute to Bishop Kearney. He described the Bishop's interests as "multi-sided" and cited the role he has played "beyond the far-flung bounds of the Church" by taking active part in Community Chest campaigns and other civic ventures.

The Rochester Mayor said Bishop Kearney "to me is truly a teacher and a leader in the highest sense, a man to whom we can all point with pride."

Mr. Carl S. Hallauer, chairman of the jubilee program's civic committee, president of Bausch and Lomb optical company, presented the community's greetings to the Bishop.

"It is a privilege, as a layman," Mr. Hallauer said, "to express the respect and admiration that people of all creeds and walks in life throughout the community feel for Bishop Kearney as a distinguished fellow citizen."

He pointed to "the spirit of good will, understanding, and cooperation with which our community is blessed" as "spiritual forces" strengthened by Bishop Kearney's "precept and example."

Rev. Michael O'Brien, major, United States Army, pastor of the new Our Lady of Mercy parish in Greece, spoke for "every chaplain who has served or is serving in the armed forces."

He told the Bishop, "Your love and devotion to your Church is equalled and paralleled only by your love and devotion to your country."

The "heroic story" of Bishop Kearney's spiritual leadership during the years of World War II is "a story that is second to none," said Father O'Brien.

STEARING THE SHOW from the more sedate adults were Mark H. Touhey III, 11, of St. Monica's parish, and Alice Elizabeth Boyce, 10, from Sacred Heart Academy school, who presented the "Children's Bishop" with a bouquet of roses and won an affectionate kiss from His Excellency.

The youngsters preceded their presentation with a heart-thrilling tribute from eleven-year-old Mark who spoke for the children of the Diocese.

St. John Fisher College and Nazareth College sent Michael Judd and Miss Gretchen Oster to offer the Bishop a spiritual bouquet, a brilliant hand-printed parchment telling the Bishop that Catholics of the Diocese had gone to Holy Communion Sunday morning (Oct. 27) to pray for him.

A SERIES of photos were thrown on the huge War Memorial screen picturing highlights of Bishop Kearney's twenty years as shepherd of the Rochester See.

Homer Bliss of the staff of WROCTV narrated the script written by James Trayhern.



**SPIRITUAL TRIBUTE** — An illuminated scroll recording prayers offered for him by the people of the Diocese was presented to Bishop Kearney at War Memorial rites marking his silver jubilee. Here making the presentation are Miss Gretchen Oster of Nazareth College and Michael Judd of St. John Fisher College.

Music selections interspersed during the film program featured St. John Fisher College Glee Club, Nazareth College Glee Club and St. Bernard's Seminary Choir. Jerry Vogt was organist.

Heading the citizen's Committee of over 80 prominent civic, industrial and professional leaders of Rochester were Carl S. Hallauer, chairman; the Honorable Harry D. Goldman and Wil-

liam A. Lang, vice chairman. An Executive Committee headed by Auxiliary Bishop Casey arranged the jubilee program. Other members of the Executive Committee included Harold J. Coleman, Frank E. Wolfe, Robert Lomenzo, William A. Lang and the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall.

In front row seats beaming approval were relatives of Bishop Kearney including his brother William Kearney, New York attorney, and a nephew, Donald Kearney of the American Broadcasting Company.

EARLIER in the day, Catholics throughout the Diocese thronged to altar rails to receive Holy Communion and pray for their Bishop.

At the end of the ceremony, the stage curtains parted to reveal a huge birthday cake topped with a gold cross and bearing Bishop Kearney's coat of arms.

The glee clubs, seminary choir and entire audience enthusiastically sang the familiar "Happy Birthday" song to the smiling Bishop of Rochester.

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**NEW YORK VISITORS** — Happy spectators at the civic honors paid Bishop Kearney at the War Memorial rites were two members of his family from New York (left to right): Donald Kearney, his nephew; and William Kearney, his brother. The Bishop's other brother Leo, father of Donald, was unable to attend because of illness.

Pastors unanimously reported "just about everybody" came to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

One pastor said a tearful child came to the vestry before Mass, sobbing. "I ate some apple and now I can't go to Communion for the Bishop." The priest suggested Communion next day and the child heartily agreed. "OK, I sure want to do the best I can for Bishop Kearney."

And that seems to sum up what everybody thinks about the Bishop of Rochester.

Solemn High Mass will be broadcast from 11 a.m. to 12 this Sunday, Nov. 3 over Rochester Radio Station WHAM from Corpus Christi Church.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, pastor, will celebrate the Mass and preach. Father Richard Torney, chaplain of Our Lady of Mercy High School, is narrator.

Corpus Christi parish choir will sing.

This is the second in a series of first Sunday of the Month Masses to be carried over WHAM and originating in parishes of the Rochester area.

Photographs in this issue of the Courier Journal showing highlights of the Bishop Kearney jubilee program were taken by Joseph Siplo and Paul Contestable.

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**THE HUMAN ELEMENT**

Although not a fisherman like St. Peter, the bishop in India had to go by boat when 200 Jacobites in Thiruvannamundur invited him to receive them into the Church. Floods had washed out all the roads. When news got to their former Orthodox bishop, he rushed there with great fanfare and began a new church to win them back. The bishop wishes to reward their sincerity by giving them a chapel. He needs \$2,000 and the land (\$1,000).

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**Tribute To Bishop**

**Bishop Cas**

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