

# Tributes Delivered To Bishop Kearney

## Bishop Casey

Following is the address of welcome given by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey.

**IT IS A VERY** happy privilege to represent the Diocese of Rochester in bidding all of you a hearty welcome to this celebration in honor of Bishop Kearney. And what a celebration it is to see over 10,000 people from the city of Rochester and the far reaches of the Diocese gathered for just one purpose to pay a tribute of affection and respect to a man who has spent all his energy for their spiritual and material welfare for twenty long years.

In times past, the Bishop has had a visible presence in the place that he holds in the Diocese. He has been a part of the life of the Diocese, not this demonstration of regard for him should live longest in his memory, and I think it will live a long time in ours because truly it is a great day.

**MY PART** in this program is a very simple one to say a word of heartfelt thanks to all who have helped make Bishop Kearney Day an outstanding event in the history of this 90 year old Diocese.

From the time that I was as young as the Rochester American Hockey Club grounds canceled the game it has been a pleasure to work with you all along the line has been excellent. Everyone who has asked to help out, was delighted to do anything that he could to please Bishop Kearney.

I think that is an accurate measure of the special place that he holds in this community.

And here to speak to the community as Mayor of Rochester. It is a pleasure for me to introduce the Honorable Peter Barry.

## Mayor Barry

Tribute of Rochester's Mayor Peter Barry:

**IN THE COURSE** of my business life, as well as in my official capacity as Mayor, I've been called on countless times to pay tribute to men and women associates from all walks of life. But none can equal the pleasure I share with you as we honor our Bishop, our leader and our friend.

Long years ago Bishop Kearney made a decision to dedicate his life to the service of others. I feel confident he has deep satisfaction from the full life he has lived. I know his influence has been far-reaching and has touched the lives of families in every corner of the areas where he has lived and worked.

His interests are multi-sided, he is one of our outstanding civic leaders interested in the community even beyond the far-flung bounds of the Church. As typical examples, he is a member of the Executive Committee of the Civic Music Association and of the Board of Managers of the Memorial Art Gallery.

**AS I EXPRESS** these thoughts about Bishop Kearney, I want you to consider them my innermost thoughts and personal observations. 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.

Through the years he has endeared himself not only to those with whom he is in close association day after day, but to those who know him only through the spoken word and the warmth and friendliness of his voice.

His clear thinking, his straight-forwardness, his intimate knowledge of human nature has caused many of us to chart a new course in life. Boys and girls have grown into better citizens and more responsible heads of family units because Bishop Kearney had a part in molding their lives.

A non-Catholic friend of mine aptly expressed and described his strong personality when he recalled a bleak, cold Christmas eve a few years back, as he sat at Midnight Mass gazing at the brilliant colors in the church and listening intently to the joyful music that heralded the glad tidings. There seemed to be a lack of attentiveness for the moment. But, as our Bishop stepped forth to deliver the message of hope and goodwill, a serene hush fell over the congregation.

And at that instant, as the Bishop told the Great Story anew, my friend relates that he regained a greater and new conception of what our Saviour's birth meant to a troubled

world. And he is sure others felt the same reaction.

This is, to me, a typical example of how Bishop Kearney has reached into the lives of those around us.

**BUT BISHOP KEARNEY'S** contacts and work have extended far beyond the bounds of his dedication and caring. I always think of him as a man anxious and willing to participate in, and be part of, civic affairs and events, all sorts of drives and efforts of all legitimate groups who are striving to better conditions among the people of our society.

Bishop Kearney is the type of man who makes his own life a mission. Through the years he has walked with us, not just as a leader but as a friend and a brother.

He has been a part of our lives, not just as a Bishop but as a man who has helped us to live better lives. He has been a part of our lives, not just as a Bishop but as a man who has helped us to live better lives.

**THOSE OF US** who have been privileged to work closely with him have known that to know him was to know the experience of others who have but left the clasp of his hand in greeting, were lifted by the warmth of his hand, grasp him officially as Bishop. I always think of him in a simple, ordinary way. He is my friend and confidant. I'm sure you all consider him yours too.

My most sincere greetings to you, Bishop Kearney, on this your 25th anniversary. Our lives have been made richer by knowing you. We are indeed grateful for the generous contributions you have made to us, and to this community.

May God bless you and give you energy and strength to carry His Word into the lives of still more people and into the new homes that are springing up in this community each day.

## Carl Hallauer

Text of Carl S. Hallauer's talk bringing community's jubilee greetings to Bishop Kearney.

**IT IS A** privilege, as a layman, to express the respect and admiration that people of all creeds and walks of life throughout the community feel for Bishop Kearney as a distinguished fellow citizen.

None could be held in higher esteem, deservedly so. For over two decades, by precept and example, he has earned for himself and the high office he occupies our deepest gratitude.

**BISHOP KEARNEY'S** interest in community affairs has been both far-reaching and discerning. No worthy cause has escaped his attention and none



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** — Bishop Kearney admires seven-foot high birthday cake presented to him at War Memorial ceremonies Sunday. The Bishop marked his 73rd birthday on Monday. Shown here with the Bishop are (left to right): Monsignor James C. McAniff, vicar general; Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey; and Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor.

**I KNOW** that I can express my feelings for you, Bishop Kearney, and I can do so most happily because you are the man who has helped me to live better.

It is in the hearts of many of us who have known you, that we feel that you have helped us to live better lives. You have been a part of our lives, not just as a Bishop but as a man who has helped us to live better lives.

**ON BEHALF** of all citizens, both the multitude gathered here in church and countless others whose sentiments I hope you would borrow any auditorium however vast, it is an honor, Bishop Kearney, to salute you on this memorable occasion.

Your recent illness caused us deep concern. Your splendid recovery has been a source of universal rejoicing. You have fulfilled your duties as a priest for nearly fifty years, as a bishop for twenty five years and as a leader in community affairs for the past twenty years. May many blessings be yours in the years that lie ahead. That is our jubilee wish for you today.

## Dr. LaPalm

Text of introductory remarks made by Dr. Leo F. LaPalm, chairman of the jubilee program.

Through the many years, Bishop Kearney, may you have continued good health in which to carry on with us your magnificent work with God.

**I CAN TELL** you too that in sickness he is the perfect patient, a marvel to his nurses, a joy to his doctors.

As our program unfolds this afternoon, the amazing biography of our much loved jubilarian will be portrayed in all of its colorful reality. So I am going to conclude my remarks by borrowing a Latin phrase from the bishop's consecration ceremony 25 years ago, "Ad Multos Annos."

Through the many years, Bishop Kearney, may you have continued good health in which to carry on with us your magnificent work with God.

## Father O'Brien

Text of the talk by Rev. Michael O'Brien representing military chaplains from the Rochester Diocese.

**YOUR EXCELLENCY,** it is in the hearts of your priests that your contribution to this

It was you who counselled and advised your priests concerning the needs of young men in service, spoke of the necessity of the administration of the sacraments to our fighting men. It was you who counselled young priests to leave their parishes, to go with the armed forces.

The story of the military chaplaincy in the Rochester Diocese is a noble story. Its hero is a story that is second to none.

I am but the mouthpiece of every chaplain who has served, or is serving, in the armed forces. I speak for them, Your Excellency, and I ask God to bless you with health, length of years, and may His Immaculate Mother keep you always close to His Sacred Heart.

## Mark Tuohy

Text of eleven year old Mark H. Tuohy III's tribute to the "Children's Bishop."

**ALL THE BEST** children's stories begin with "Once upon a time."

But the story I am going to tell you today is just a little different because you see, it was many years ago, upon a time that God the Father looked down the years to all the boys and girls of the Diocese of Rochester. God said to Himself, "For them I will make a very special friend."

And so from His very own pattern God made "our" Bishop Kearney, who has spent all these years doing wonderful things for us children.

**THE BISHOP** teaches our souls when he brings us the Holy Ghost in Confirmation, as new priests are sent to us each year from his hands, as new schools and catechism centers are built so the priests and sisters can tell us of God.

The Bishop knows we must have strong bodies too. And so he cares for us in the C.Y.O. programs which give us camp, city centers, and little leagues in which to play.

For all that you have done

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for us, we children, thank you, Bishop.

I cannot tell the whole story of the Bishop and his children, because the angels are still recording chapters every day. But I'll let you in on a "happy secret." If you get to Heaven first, you'll find the story I've been telling you in section "K" for Kearney under the title, "The Children's Bishop."

## Bandits Murder Colombia Priest

**Bogota** — (RNS) — A Roman Catholic priest and four or five other men were slain by a band of 200 bandits in a rural section of Tolima province, reports here disclosed.

The murdered clergyman was Father Teodoro Sanchez, parish priest in the town of San Antonio.

Father Sanchez and the other men were killed after having been beaten and tortured. Father Sanchez is the third priest murdered in the area, Catholic authorities said.

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