

Ovation Given At War Memorial

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 Bishop Kearney's busy 20-year career in the Diocese of Rochester. The script for "This Is Your Life" was written by James Trayhern and narrated by Horner Bliss. The illustrated narrative was received with rapt attention by the audience which applauded the familiar scenes flashed before them.

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 Monsignor Maynard Connell, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, spoke in the name of the priests and people of the Diocese and delivered an eloquent tribute to Bishop Kearney's role as a builder of Catholic schools.

"He has opened the doors of education for thousands of children," Monsignor Connell said. "He has taught them religion, reverence and law and order. He has taught them to be refined and respectful."

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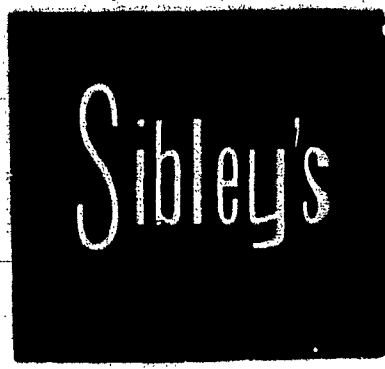
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ELMIRA FAMILY — The Cassidy family made sure of seats at the Bishop Kearney Day celebration. They came from Elmira the day before and were at the Memorial on Sunday two hours ahead of time. Proudly smiling in their seats are (left to right): Mrs. Francis Cassidy, daughters Janet and Sally, and Mr. Francis Cassidy.



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MISS GRETCHEN OSTER of Nazareth College and Michael Judd of St. John Fisher College, both of whom were born 20 years ago when Bishop Kearney came to the Rochester Diocese, presented the Jubilarian Prelate with a framed and illuminated Spiritual Tribute of prayers offered in his behalf by the people of the Diocese.

THE AUDIENCE gave prompt appreciation to the musical interludes provided by the St. John Fisher College Choir under the direction of Mrs. Marie Keber Burbank, Nazareth College Glee Club under the direction of Dr. David Felner, and St. Bernard's Seminary Choir under the direction of Father Charles J. McCarthy. Featured as a soloist was the Nazareth Glee Club was Miss Candida Ellis.

When a giant, 7-foot high birthday cake decorated with Bishop Kearney's coat-of-arms was rolled out on the stage, Father McCarthy led the three college choirs and the audience in singing "Happy Birthday" to the Bishop. The next day, Monday, October 28 was his 73rd birthday.

Bishop Kearney was the first to turn toward the flag, which was lit in rich spotlight, when the audience joined in the mass singing of the national anthem.



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The Auxiliary Bishop took the teasing in good spirit but afterward remarked: "I hope people don't think that I'm a tyrant."

ONE OF THE shortest speeches was obviously enjoyed by the Bishop and received most enthusiastic response by the audience. This was when 11-year-old Mark Boyce III and Alice Elizabeth Boyce offered greetings from the diocesan schools and presented the Bishop a bouquet of American Beauty roses.

Before presenting the roses, young Mark went to the microphone to tell the story of what the Bishop has done for the children.

As Mark concluded his message he turned with all the poise and manner of a professional speaker to tell the smiling Jubilarian:

"If you get to Heaven first, you will find the story I have been telling you filed under X for Kearney, and the section entitled 'The Children's Bishop'."

As the "Children's Bishop" accepted the roses from the youngsters, he kissed them both affectionately. The delight of onlookers was apparent.

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