

Gift For
Our Lady's
Shrine



First donation for statue at Washington from St. John Fisher College students' shrine was a \$50 gift to Bishop Kearney presented by Robert Corletta and William Wahl.

Diocese Schools To Donate Statue To National Shrine



Statue to be donated by school children

The Catholic schools of the Rochester Diocese will donate an eight foot limestone statue of St. John Fisher for the outside wall of the national shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington.

The majestic figure of the martyred bishop of Rochester, England, will be one of four saints famed as outstanding teachers of the faith whose statues will dominate the east apse exterior of the vast basilica, now nearing completion in the nation's capital.

Bishop Kearney, in a letter to pastors of the Diocese, said he has arranged with shrine authorities for the diocesan schools to "have the distinction of sponsoring this honored niche for St. John of Rochester."

Students at St. John Fisher College have already given the Bishop a \$50 check as their contribution to the new statue.

THE BISHOP asked colleges and high schools to give \$50 and each elementary school to give \$25 to cover the cost of the St. John Fisher statue.

Other statues, altars, windows and furnishings of the shrine have been donated by dioceses, organizations and individuals throughout the country.

The three other statues in niches near the St. John Fisher statue will be St. Alphonsus Liguori, St. Peter Canisius and St. John Cantius, scholar-saints of the turbulent fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

A total of twelve statues memorializing great saints of the Church will stand in niches in the exterior wall of the shrine's sanctuary with its three apses.

Bishop To Mark 21st Year Here

Twenty-one years reign as Bishop of Rochester will be quietly observed by Bishop Kearney on Nov. 11 in Washington, D.C. where he will be attending the Annual Bishops' meeting.

Bishop Kearney was installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral on Nov. 11, 1937 after a tumultuous reception the night

before at New York Central Station.

A capacity turn-out in Rochester War Memorial last year demonstrated the regard priests and laity had for him after 20 years as their shepherd.

On the 21st anniversary the faithful are asked to pray for many more years for Bishop Kearney as head of the Diocese.

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Orange Blossom diamond Rings — Terms, Wm. S. Thorne, Jewelers, 318 East Main St., Adv.

What Is Pontiff Like?

Venice — (NC) — A man with the common touch — everywhere you go everyone you talk to gives you this impression of the man who days ago was Patriarch of this city of canals and who now is His Holiness Pope John XXIII.

You stop to talk to a passer-by or a fellow passenger on a motor launch, Venice's means of public transportation, and they all have known "our Pope" personally.

It was a habit of Cardinal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli to don a simple black cassock and walk through the streets, talking in a neighborly fashion to shopkeepers and people in the streets.

He owned no gondola of his own to travel through the canals. He would either use a motorboat borrowed from the Venice police or public transportation. So it is that almost everyone in Venice can now boast of having known and talked to the Pope.

A shopkeeper with tears welling up in her eyes remembered how he used to talk to her children. "He talked to them in the language of a father. He had their understanding of children."

GO INTO THE Patriarchal Curia and talk to the priests who have been the new Pope's most intimate collaborators in the five years he has governed Venice, and you receive much the same impression, though more detailed and profound.

Archdeacon Giuseppe Scarpa appraises his former Patriarch in this manner:

"He is a man of goodness, simplicity and understanding. In all ways could find the good side of people. He always shows extraordinary respect for the human person. It was his manner to stand no matter who entered the room and to accompany the most lowly persons personally to the door."

Eugenio Bacchon, president of men's Catholic Action, a close personal friend, said, "The secret of the man is his cordiality and his desire to be close to the people."

Mr. Bacchon recalled a time in 1953 when he was mourning the death of his wife, Cardinal Roncalli, who was also mourning the loss of his sister, phoned and said, "Tomorrow is Christmas. It will be your first Christmas with an empty place in your home. . . . Would you come tomorrow with your children and have Christmas dinner with me?"

He is an avid newspaper reader, pouring over them every morning.

He is a scholar with a special interest in history. When named Pope, he was just completing his sixth book, a life of Charles Borromeo.

Normally, he rises at 6 a.m. for prayers, the breviary and meditation. He offers Mass at 7:30, then has breakfast of coffee with hot milk and rolls. At Venice he would work in his office until 10:30, then receive callers until lunch at 12:30. After a 45-minute rest after lunch, he would return to his office until 7 p.m. dinner. He usually retires early, at 9:30.

He is a frugal eater. Lunch generally consists of soup, meat or fish and fruit. He likes white wine that comes from Soligo, a village near Treviso. He takes no other alcoholic drink.

He uses a typewriter, but prefers to write by hand with a fountain pen. He shaves with an electric razor. He uses glasses to read. He watches television some times.

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Vatican City — (RNS) — Wearing his jewel-encrusted gold tiara, Pope John XXIII imparts the traditional blessing from the center balcony of St. Peter's Basilica after his coronation as the 262nd Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church. In the background is one of the cameras which

beamed the ceremony to millions of persons over a European television hookup in St. Peter's Square itself, hundreds of thousands of statesmen, princes and peasants joined time and again in the thundering cry, "Viva il Papa!" — Long live the Pope.

Peasant To Pontiff

New Pope Crowned In Age-Old Ritual

By FATHER JAMES I. TUCKER



Vatican City — (RNS) — St. Peter's Basilica, aglow with thousands of electric light bulbs and flickering candles, was resplendent with the opulent reds and purples worn by the Church's hierarchy at the coronation of Pope John XXIII.

Prayerbook, Prophecy For Pope

Paris — (NC) — A kinsman of His Holiness Pope John XXIII, who lives in France, recalls that as a child Angelo Roncalli always carried a prayerbook with him, even when playing in the fields.

The relative of the new Pope is a second cousin, a retired iron mine worker named Bolognini who lives in the town of Mantovana, in Lombardy.

Mr. Bolognini recalled that he had sat on the same bench with his cousin Angelo in grammar school in the town of Sotto il Monte. He said the young Roncalli always carried a book of prayers with him, even out in the fields. And he said that the village priest once stated from his lectern: "Some day they will make Don Angelo Roncalli pope."

Vatican City — (NC) — The election of a new papacy came to rest on the brow of Pope John XXIII on the feast of St. Charles Borromeo, marking the official beginning of his reign.

The ritual pageantry of centuries was carried out first inside St. Peter's basilica and then, the actual crowning, high on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square toward which a half million people converged to acclaim the new Pope of Rome.

Congregating other millions for the first time followed the coronation ceremony over television.

The moment of coronation — was in His Eminence Nicola Cardinal Caccia placed the gold tiara on the Pope's head — climaxed a morning of ceremonies. It also marked the date from which the reign of Pope John XXIII begins in terms of historic date, although he had been Pope from the moment he pronounced his "Accepto" on October 23 while still in conclave.

Delivering an unexpected homily at the Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Peter's basilica which preceded the actual coronation ceremony, the new Pontiff quoted from the Gospel of St. John: "And other sheep I have that are not of this fold. Them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd."

"Here is the missionary problem in all its vastness and beauty," the Pontiff added. "This is the solicitude of the Roman Pontificate, the primary one, even though not the only one. It blends with many others of equal importance."

Pope John said he wanted to direct attention "in a very special manner" to "our task as shepherd of the entire flock." He asserted that all the other human qualities — of learning, diplomatic perceptiveness, and tact, organizing ability — can embellish and complement the reign of a Pope, "but they cannot in any way serve as a substitute for this."

ALL THE POMPS of the Catholic Church and the pomp of the east court in the world, preceded Pope John XXIII into the Basilica of St. Peter's. More than 400 persons in the brilliant uniforms of the papal court, the simple robes of Religiosi, and the colorful copes and mitres of prelates, walked before the Pope carried aloft on the sedia gestatoria (portable throne).

Above him rose a portable canopy and behind him were carried the two ceremonial fans of ostrich plumes.

The procession slowly filed into the atrium of St. Peter's, the open front of the church. Near the right of the central bronze doors of the basilica stood a gilded throne. As the Pope was borne to the throne the combined Sistine and Janner chairs chanted the Scriptural text, "Tu es Petrus" (Thou art Peter).

Descending from the sedia gestatoria, the Pope took his seat on the throne. The Deacons of the Canon of St. Peter's welcomed the Holy Father and assisted permission for himself and the canopy to be moved to him.

Following this the Pope reentered the portable throne and was borne into the great church.

His entrance was greeted with the shrill sound of the trumpet choir from their places high over the entrance. Sun filtering through the windows and a shower of lights throughout the Basilica fell on the gold embroidered vestments of the Pope.

At this moment the entire basilica was transformed into an almost violent demonstration of ritual exultation. Pontifical guards snatched to their attention. The masses of people passed into the

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