



Pope John XXIII following his May 2 audience with Bishop Kearney at the Vatican gave his blessing to Edward Dillon of Macedon, seminarian at the North American College, Rome, Monsignor Maney, Monsignor Edward Locher of New York, and Rochester priest students Father Moynihan and Father Curran.



Blessed be Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Corpus Christi

Everyone To Altar

My Dear People,
On the feast of Corpus Christi, Thursday, May 28, it is my sincere request that every member of this Diocese will attend Mass and receive Holy Communion.

This year has been set aside as a Eucharistic Year. Hence the feast of the Blessed Sacrament should bring every one of us to the Altar Rails.

Our Diocese has been richly blessed by our Divine Saviour. Let the Corpus Christi feast be a great Act of Thanksgiving for all our blessings.

Permission is given for evening Mass in every church on the feast of Corpus Christi.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James Kearney
Bishop of Rochester.

(Courier Journal Ektachrom photo by Paul Conestabile shows Monsignor Edward K. Ball giving Benediction at St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva.)

Bishop Describes Rome Visit

Bishop Kearney, home from his month long trip to the Vatican, brings with him the blessing of Pope John XXIII for the Diocese of Rochester.

The Bishop himself prayed for the faithful as he knelt at the tombs of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles.

Bishop Kearney described the new Holy Father as "gentle, vibrant."

The Pope confided to the Bishop that he was surprised at his election to the supreme office of the Catholic Church. "No man can ever be completely," the Pope said, "so I rely entirely on the grace of the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Father voiced his deep gratitude for the generosity of Catholics in America in contributing to the papal relief programs. Money, however, is not adequate to stem the tide of the Church's enemies, the Pope told Bishop Kearney and appealed for "unending prayers" for persecuted people.

POPE JOHN inquired about the suburban growth in the cities of the Diocese and the Bishop described the new churches and new schools constructed in recent years. The Pope faced a similar problem in his own diocese which has recorded a booming population since the last war.

The Pope in his May 2nd audience with Bishop Kearney spoke in Italian, occasionally lapsing into French. He promised next time he received the Bishop to be able to speak in English since he is taking lessons from a professor at the North American college.

Monsignor John E. Maney, chancellor, acted as interpreter for both Bishop Kearney and Bishop Walter A. Terry who made his "ad limina" visit at the same time.

While in Rome, Bishop Kearney was made an affiliate of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer to share in the prayers and spiritual works of all Redemptorists.

The ceremony was conducted by Very Rev. William Gaudreau, C.S.R., superior general of the order.

It represents the order's gratitude to the Rochester Bishop for his interest in St. Joseph's Church conducted by Redemptorist priests in Rochester and for the Bishop's generosity to the Redemptorist Puerto Rican mission program at St. Cecilia's Church, New York City, where he once was assistant pastor.

Bishop Kearney said he noted the worldwide aspect of the Catholic faith not only in the Eternal City but also aboard ship.

He said people of many nations and all sections of the United States and from every walk of life attended his shipboard Masses. Monsignor Maney requested the people to make the Latin responses.

"These people who couldn't talk to each other, because of their different languages were all able to talk to God in the Mass prayers," the Bishop said. He said he was pleasantly surprised at the facility the people showed in doing so.

We Agree

Nuns Spirit Gives Vigor To Church

Halifax, N.S. — (RNS) — The Catholic Church derives "perennial vigor" from a spirit of self-sacrifice offered by its nuns, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, said here.

He was an instant in commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of Halifax at their Mount St. Vincent Motherhouse.

"THE PRESENT greatness of the Church could never have been achieved," Cardinal Cushing told the sisters, "if self-sacrificing groups of religious like yourselves had not given their spiritual and material resources for the maintenance and development of the Church organization."

A branch of the worldwide Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, the Halifax order traces its origins to the Mother Elizabeth Selon religious community of Emmitsburg, Md. Sister Basilla McCann and three companions came here from New York in 1849 to become the first Sisters of Halifax.

Their fortitude and patience despite hardships is credited with bringing about initial Vatican approval of the group in 1856.

Adoration, Easter Duty

The Rochester Diocese newest Neotram Adoration Society unit at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Brockport, will initiate a three hour vigil this Saturday beginning at 9 p.m.

Three bands of men will take their turn in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Director of the new unit is Rev. Edward J. Lutz, pastor, and Gerald Martin is president.

Sunday, May 24, is Trinity Sunday, final date for Catholics to make their Easter Duty by receiving Holy Communion. Parish bulletins should be consulted for Saturday Confession schedules.

Pope Limits Audiences

Vatican City — (RNS) — A Vatican Radio broadcast announced that from now on Pope John XXIII will grant private, special and group audiences only in extraordinary cases.

Padre Pio Reported Ill

Rome — (RNS) — Padre Pio, world-renowned Italian Capuchin stigmatist, was reported by the Rome Radio to be seriously ill at his monastery outside San Giovanni Rotondo.

Now 71 years old, Padre Pio is a native of Pietrelcina in central Italy. For the past 40 years, he has borne the stigmata of Christ's Passion and his main occupation has been that of confessor.

Nothing will bring more cheer to a stigmatist than a love-bouquet or loxag lasting plant. Call Blanchard Florist, Baker, 5-9491, or drop in at 68 Lake Ave. Free parking in rear. — Adv.

Father Simpson

Phelps Pastor Priest 50 Years

Rev. Edward B. Simpson, fifty years a priest and forty years a pastor, will observe his anniversary with Holy Mass and a reception Sunday, June 14.

He was named to the Phelps church in 1919, ten years after his ordination. Prior to his pastoral assignment, he taught Latin and other subjects at St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester.



FATHER SIMPSON

The standing monument of his spiritual apostolate in the Phelps church of St. Francis built under his supervision in 1931.

Architects recognize it as a masterpiece of the classic Roman basilica type structure.

FATHER SIMPSON relates that it was built within a year to replace a frame building formerly a Presbyterian church. The first Phelps church is now used as a family residence in the village.

The veteran pastor has long been recognized as one of Phelps' civic leaders — a fact which once gave him a brush with the Ku Klux Klan. Invited during the early 1920's to give the dedicatory talk for the public school, he waited at a corner for the parade to march by to the new school.

Standing along behind the scheduled parade units was a contingent of disgruntled citizens angered that a Catholic priest was to be principal speaker. Some were known to be Klan members.

Father Simpson, not suspecting their purpose, recognized them simply as fellow townsmen so joined them and walked the rest of the way with them to the school. They were

so surprised by this turn of events that they applauded as loud as anyone else at the conclusion of his talk which stressed the need for discipline and good education for children — and that this marked the end of Klan activity in the area.

He will mark his anniversary by offering Mass in the parish church Sunday, June 14, at 9:30 a.m. A reception will be held in the parish hall that afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m.

Born in Rochester, Oct. 15, 1888, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Simpson, he attended Holy Apostles school, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He attained a Ph.D. degree and was ordained in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, June 12, 1909. Syracuse Bishop John Grimes was the ordaining prelate.



St. Francis Church, Phelps, where golden jubilarian Father Simpson has been pastor for 40 years. He supervised church design and construction in 1931.

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