

75 Years Of Everydays

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month by month in this paper, is graphic proof that everyday with Bishop Kearney is a day "on the job" caring for the sheep entrusted to him by the great Good Shepherd.

These "everydays" of the Bishop are dramatically different from the more prosaic paths most of us are destined to tread.

His 75 years have taken him from the vast horizons of Iowa to the teeming sidewalks of New York and across the surging Atlantic to stand as a peer in priestly power with Pope Pius XII and Pope John XXIII, sharing with them the fullness of the episcopate.

For 27 years, Bishop Kearney has ruled his diocese—first at Salt Lake City and then at Rochester—with a firm loyalty to the Vicars of Christ.

He has promptly initiated diocesan programs in accordance with directives or suggestions from Rome—particularly in regard to sweeping changes in age-old Church laws to make Holy Mass and Communion more available to the people.

He has also continued the long standing tradition of this Diocese to provide Catholic schools for every Catholic child.

As a "builder of tabernacles" he has to his credit a record nearing "a new parish a year" having established twenty-two new parishes to meet the spiritual needs of an expanding population.

Equally as many older parishes have built new churches and chapels dot the Diocese where monks, nuns, students and other special groups can more conveniently kneel before God's throne on earth, the altar tabernacle.

His school building program has ranged from establishing parochial grade schools to multi-million dollar high school projects, a new Nazareth College and the launching of nearby St. John Fisher College.

Symbolizing the purpose of his priesthood is the majestic figure of the Sacred Heart above the Cathedral altar. Here the Bishop offers the holy sacrifice and prays for his people in order to bring them to love our divine Lord and receive from His extended hands a divine blessing.

To deepen the spiritual life of the people, Bishop Kearney invited the Redemptorist Fathers to establish a retreat house for men, first opened in 1941 at Geneva and since 1950 in larger quarters on Alexander St., Rochester.

He provided similar facilities for women retreatants by inviting the Religious of the Convent, a cloistered community of nuns to open a retreat house in the former Todd mansion on East Ave., Rochester. The Bishop blessed the cornerstone of a \$500,000 wing and chapel to expand the Convent's retreat facilities this past summer.

With Bishop Kearney's approval, the laymen's inspired "Daily Mass League" gained official papal approval in 1957.

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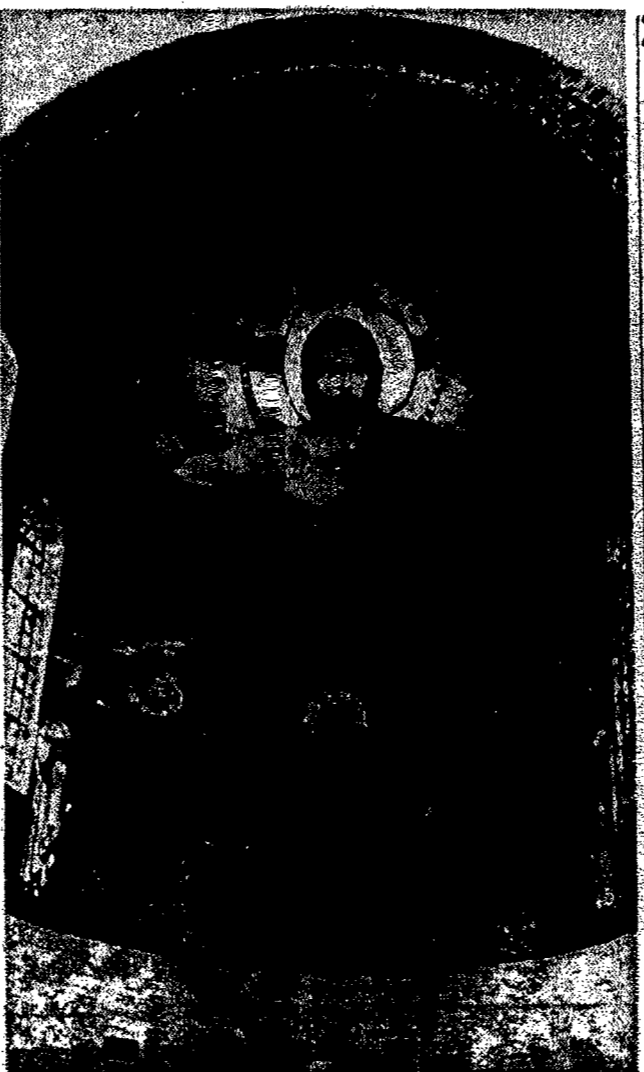
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rick Kearney and Remond O'Doherty Kearney, both of whom came from Ireland. When he was two years of age his parents decided to move to New York City.

He was educated in the public schools and in the St. Agnes Church on 42nd Street where his vocation to the priesthood first asserted itself.

His parents died in the early 1920's but his two brothers still live in New York: William, an attorney, and Leo, (assistant superintendent of the New York public school system).

HIS RECORD OF priestly ser-

vice to God and the Church thus began over fifty years ago in New York City. Twenty-five year old James Edward Kearney knelt in St. Stephen's Church on 28th Street. In a rite he himself was destined later to perform for others, the young deacon became a Catholic priest, ordained in his office by Auxiliary Bishop Thomas F. Cusack, September 19, 1908.

His first assignment was as assistant curate at St. Cecilia's Church, New York, where he remained for 10 years. During these years he was given added duties as superintendent of Catholic schools in the Bronx and lectured in classes at Our Lady of Good Counsel College at White Plains.

He was named by Cardinal Hayes in 1928 to establish the new parish of St. Francis Xavier in the B r o n x. Within six months, he had built a frame structure church, and by the next year had a parish auditorium and by 1930 had the parochial school in operation.

That he laid strong foundations for the faith in his new parish was graphically demonstrated when he returned to St. Francis Xavier as a bishop in 1937 to bless the cornerstone for a new and larger school, and then again in 1951 to preach at the dedication of a new and larger church edifice.

After only four fleeting years as pastor, Father Kearney was selected to turn his talents toward wider and distant horizons.

He was named Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1932, and received consecration to this rank on his birthday, also his brother's birthday, and the anniversary of the prelate who gave him the episcopal dignity. Cardinal Hayes admitted Bishop Kearney to the hierarchy in St. Patrick's Cathedral, October 28, 1932.

The Salt Lake diocese was then a mission outpost, vast in territory, meager in the number of Catholics, and faced with financial hardships. His tireless activity inspired the 33 priests of that diocese to make the 10,000 Catholics in Utah an oasis of faith in that stronghold of Mormonism.

His own personal sincerity won the respect of the people of Utah, including the governor himself, George H. Blood. By appealing for aid in New York City churches, Bishop Kearney obtained the funds needed to support his priests in the west.

As pastor in New York, to as bishop in Utah, he saw his ministry abundantly blessed. Today

Sun Never Sets On U.S. Charity

Castelgandolfo — (RNS) — America was hailed here by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, as "a living symbol of Christ-like charity" because "she has taken upon herself the tremendous responsibility of feeding, clothing and caring for the sick, the starving and suffering, the destitute and exiled of the world."

The cardinal spoke at a luncheon of alumni of the North American College in Rome which is celebrating its first centenary. The luncheon took place at the college's summer villa here in the Alban Hills where the papal summer residence also is located.

CARDINAL Spellman called the role of Good Samaritan to

Quints Baptized

San Antonio — The five girls born to Lt. and Mrs. Charles G. Hannan were baptized at birth by Lt. Col. Charles E. Gibbs, chief of obstetrics at Lackland air base.

The chaplain was saying Mass at the time the quintuplets were born. All five died within a day of their birth.

When the Rochester Diocese was in need of a shepherd following Cardinal Mooney's appointment in 1937 as Archbishop of Detroit, Pope Pius XII selected the young prelate of the west to be the fifth Bishop of Rochester.

The story of his twenty-two years here is well known and it is a story which, though retold in a hundred different ways, is basically everyday the same — a day spent from his morning Mass to his close-midnight Compline prayers in leading his people closer to the Sacred Heart of the Saviour.

As head of the Rochester Diocese, 337,000 Catholics look to him for guidance toward their eternal home. Thousands from other denominations, also call him friend and his counsel and life have surely bolstered the community moral standards in cities, towns and rural areas in the Diocese.

He has attained honors from merit and from his Church but perhaps his most cherished title is the one he himself uses, in his letters to the people, signing himself "your devoted shepherd in Christ."

That is the record begun quietly and obscurely 25 years ago — a devotion to duty, a lesson he learned from his hard-working, sincere parents and one he has made the hallmark of his service for souls — every day.

Sun Never Sets On U.S. Charity

ward other nations so new that "many refuse to believe that in peacetime the people of one country should or could help to bear the burdens of another country."

"Nevertheless," he said, "the sun never sets on American charity. . . Our beloved America, generously and mercifully sharing her blessing with her burdened brothers has become the world's Good Samaritan."

Cardinal Spellman said the origins of America's role of Good Samaritan "lie in the very nature of her first beginnings."

"They lie," he stated, "in the backgrounds as well as the beliefs of her peoples — people from many different lands who become one — not in an ethnic oneness, but in the unity of a shared blessing. This unique national role can be traced to those concepts of God-given rights and responsibilities upon which America's form of government was conceived."

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