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Cathedral To Be Consecrated Oct. 25

The rare and richly colorful ceremony of the consecration of a church will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral Wednesday morning, Oct. 25.

The three hour rite will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with solemn Mass at 11 a.m.

The ceremony will irrevocably dedicate the Cathedral to God's service.

Not since 1898 has a church in the Rochester Diocese been so dedicated—that was old St. Patrick's Cathedral consecrated October 5 of that year by New York's Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan.

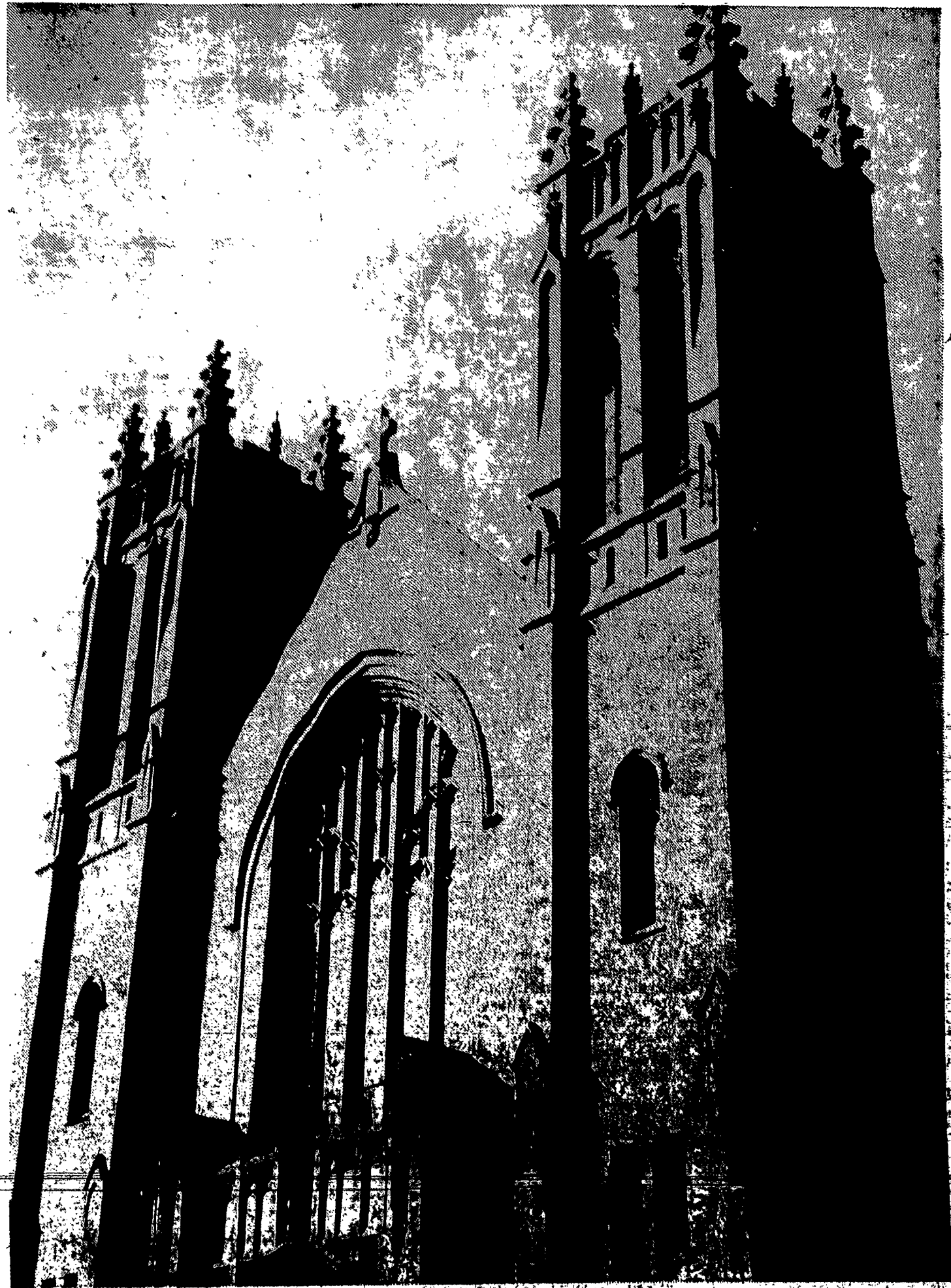
Only one other church in the Diocese is consecrated—St. Mary's, Rochester, which received the unique blessing October 24, 1858.

All other churches are simply blessed, a brief and much less solemn ritual.

The consecration ceremony will highlight the 50th jubilee observance of the Cathedral parish.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Mass following the consecration and preside and preach at the parish golden jubilee Mass in the evening at 8 p.m.

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Cathedral's majestic towers soar heavenward.

Sacred Heart's Fiftieth Jubilee

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Mother Church of the Diocese of Rochester, will mark its fiftieth anniversary by being consecrated—a rare and dramatic rite explained in the article at the top of this page, with a pontifical Mass of thanksgiving, two additional pontifical Masses and with a sold-to-capacity jubilee dinner.

Sacred Heart was established as a parish in 1911 with the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. George V. Burns as first pastor.

It became the Cathedral of the Diocese in 1953.

Schedule for the jubilee events is as follows:

Consecration of the Cathedral, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 9 a.m. concluding with solemn Mass at 11 a.m.

Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.

Mass for deceased priests, nuns and parishioners of Sacred Heart parish, Thursday, Nov. 2, 7:45 p.m. Bishop Casey will be assisted by priests of the Cathedral staff in this and the following:

Mass for children of the parish, Friday, Nov. 3, 10:30 a.m.

The golden jubilee parish dinner will be held at the Manger Hotel, Thursday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. Chartered buses will take 600 parishioners from the Cathedral to the Hotel where the dinner speakers include Bishop Kearney, Bishop Casey, Monsignor George W. Eckl and Honorable Joseph G. Fritsch, Toastmaster will be Rev. John P. O'Beirne, a former assistant at Sacred Heart parish.

A book written by Rev. Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary tells the story of the parish's fifty years. A copy was sent to all parish families earlier this month.

Highlights of that history are:

Catholics who settled a century ago at Hanford's Landing—where boats docked north of the old Ridge Road—were under the spiritual care of Father John M. Maurice of Mother of Sorrows Church and, after 1876, attended Mass in the Church of All Souls in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Holy Rosary parish, established in 1889, provided for the

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Bishop Hickey announced formation of the parish, twenty-fifth in the city of Rochester, on Dec. 20, 1910, and named Rev. George V. Burns of St. Patrick's Church, Oswego, to be first pastor. He took up his new duties Jan. 15, 1911.

He inspected the Knickerbocker Avenue site, a knoll which gave a view of the city to the southeast and of St. Ann's Home and St. Bernard's Seminary to the northeast, but he located a better site on Flower City Park, a parcel of property including five lots and measuring 255 feet by 175 feet where the school stands today. The trustees authorized purchase at a price not to exceed \$8,000.

He reported to the bishop there were 175 Catholic families in the district and residential development indicated the number would continue to grow. Bishop Hickey, therefore, decided to establish a new parish there. Father Eckl selected Michael J. Cushman and Robert W. Cook as lay trustees and suggested the new parish be called "Sacred Heart."

Bishop Hickey said the Diocese already had churches of that name but Father Eckl pointed out none of these were in Monroe County. The bishop admitted the point and accepted the title.

At an organizational meeting in December, 1910, Father Eckl and the two lay trustees met with Bishop Hickey and Father Dennis J. Curran, vicar general of the Diocese. They drew the parish boundaries from the New York Central railroad tracks as a western boundary and the Genesee River as the eastern boundary. Seneca Parkway became the southern boundary, a straight line east and west, but the northern limits were a bit jagged. From the railroad, the line ran to Barnard's Crossing, then down Dewey Avenue to Bennett (now Winchester) Street and down to the river.



Rosary for Peace

This elderly woman joins 500,000 at a Rosary rally in San Francisco where Father Patrick Peyton urged families to recite the Rosary daily. Bishop Kearney has asked Catholics of the Rochester Diocese to join in the devotion for world peace. The Rosary is broadcast nightly by radio station WSAY at 7 p.m.



St. Pius parish, Cohocton, will mark its 100th jubilee with a Mass by Bishop Kearney this Sunday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m.

Cohocton Centenary

Liberty was a good name for a Yankee town in 1861. The United States had plunged into a long and bloody Civil War to gain freedom and rights to the Negro slaves of the South. Liberty was again a battle cry as it was 85 years before when American colonists broke from a tyrannous motherland to stand firmly on young, strong legs as the New World's first stronghold of freedom.

The village of Liberty in New York State's beautiful Finger Lakes district is known today as Cohocton and this year its Catholic townspeople celebrate the centenary of their parish, St. Pius.

Mass was celebrated for the first time in Cohocton at the home of Urban Gehrig in 1860. Prior to that year, Catholics from Cohocton hiked some twenty miles on Sundays to the Church in Perkinsville. During that same year, Bishop John Timon of Buffalo, to which diocese Cohocton then belonged, gave a permission for a church to be built in Cohocton.

Father Michael Steger was appointed first pastor and in July 1861 work began on a frame structure 34 by 48 feet in dimensions. Cost was about \$1,400. First Mass was celebrated in October by the pastor, who then made his residence in Bath.

Bishop Timon visited the



REV. HERBERT STURMER Cohocton pastor

Cohocton church for the first time in May 1863 and administered Confirmation. He named the new parish in honor of St. Pius V, a pope of the sixteenth century.

The rectory was built in 1880 and Father Joseph Fenger became first resident pastor in Cohocton. The church was enlarged three years later and an elementary school, under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Buffalo was opened in 1889 but closed in 1898 because of the small enrollment.

The Diocese of Rochester was created in 1868 and Steuben county was added to it in 1896. Cohocton then came under the jurisdiction of Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, Rochester's first bishop.

Another bitter battle, World War I, was being fought in 1918 when fire broke out in the lit-

tle church of St. Pius. Both church and rectory were left a mass of ruins.

Before the cinders had cooled, parishioners had begun work on a new church in the very heart of the village.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey laid the cornerstone on July 7, 1918 and, on Oct. 27, the new church was solemnly dedicated.

Father John F. Gefell, brother of Monsignor Joseph H. Gefell and the late Father Emil Gefell, was pastor of Cohocton from 1916 until his death in 1929. He was succeeded by Father William F. Frank who concentrated some 24 years of his pastorate in paying off a staggering debt of \$10,000.

Father Frank died suddenly in 1951 and Father Herbert L. Sturmer was transferred from the pastorate of Naples and Atlanta to the Cohocton church.

During Father Sturmer's administration needed repairs have been made on both church and rectory and land was purchased adjacent to the church and converted into a parking area. A lot was also purchased in the village of Avoca in the hopes of reestablishing a mission there sometime in the future.

The interior of St. Pius Church was redecorated in October 1957 and a new electrical system and fixtures were installed. The following year, a new set of stained glass windows were purchased and placed in the church.

Last year the new St. Pius parish social center was completed. The hall included a large auditorium, fully equipped kitchen, rest rooms and a utility room.

After a hundred years, St. Pius remains a parish of small numbers—about eighty families. But it stands high and strong as a monument to the courage and perseverance of its small community which, despite the whirlwind of lean years, has maintained a deep generosity rooted in deep faith.

Truth Can Be A Sin

New York — (RNS) — A Catholic priest warned here that it can be sinful to tell the truth when it may be regarded as unjustifiable detraction.

Father Robert W. Moher, professor of moral theology on leave from Holy Cross College, Washington, D. C., preaching at St. Patrick's Cathedral, said there were restraints the general public would not understand. He said that blind doctors, lawyers and clergymen to silence on matters they receive in trust.

In speaking of what one believes the truth, he said, the following criteria must be considered: the common good of Church or State, the protection of a possibly innocent person and a respect for an individual's privacy.

"A QUESTION is sometimes asked," said Father Moher, "whether we may reveal all the secret faults of a person's seeking or actually in public office."

"Some feel that this is permissible, because they are under the impression that public officials or people seeking public office need all rights of privacy. This is not true."

"We may speak of their public faults and we may reveal private faults or sins that show they are unfit for public office. But other private matters or faults that have no bearing on their fitness as candidates may not be revealed."

"They do not concede entirely their rights to privacy. The person who reveals these private faults without reason is a detractor. Speaking the truth demands that we be true to ourselves and truthful about others, and there must be a justifying reason."

No Business Like Nose Business

Taichung, Formosa—While many orientals in the U. S. undergo surgery to have the proboscis reduced in size, on this Oriental island the fad is to have the nose enlarged.

"And it's all because of the influence of American movies," claims Maryknoll Father Francis X. Keelan, of Cambridge, Mass., a veteran China missionary. "Time was when Orientals looked with disdain on foreigners as 'big nose' people. But today, for a small \$10 fee, many young Formosans are lining up at clinics to have noses just like their favorite American movie stars."

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