

# New Bishop Welcomed By Rochester Faithful

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This is being written on Election Day, 1962, but the subject matter will go back 25 years to what was then known as Armistice Day, 1937. The Diocese of Rochester which was without a Bishop since August when Cardinal Edward Mooney, fourth Bishop of Rochester was called to be first Archbishop of Detroit.

On Nov. 11, 1937, Bishop James E. Kearney, formerly Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah, was formally installed as fifth Bishop of Rochester in Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral. Splendor and spiritual significance of the ceremony are still vivid in the minds of the many who participated in and witnessed it.

Conditions in this area were beginning to brighten after the five year depression period of financial strain and stress. This newspaper's office was in Columbus Civic Center and the paper was being printed on Andrews St. over Louis Heindl and Son printing plant. In the Chancery was the future Auxiliary Bishop, Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, who had served as secretary to Archbishop Mooney.

FIRST WELCOME to Bishop Kearney was arranged at the old New York Central Station where he was to arrive on Nov. 10 from Salt Lake City. Those in charge had no idea how many would turn out. The reputation of the genial, beloved Bishop Kearney had, however, preceded him. The ample reception hall of the station was packed with humanity — men, women, children, persons of varied faiths and creeds.

When Bishop Kearney appeared on the upper balcony the roar was terrific. The 12,000 present left no doubt of their joy in the new Shepherd.

Governor Herbert H. Lehman was represented by B. Emmett Finucane, prominent layman. Mayor Charles Stanton was on hand to voice the city's greeting. Attorney General John J. Bennett was present.

I can remember going with William A. Lang, Times Union reporter and former staff member of the Courier Journal, to the Bishop's residence on East Ave. We met Monsignor Duane Hunt, of Salt Lake City, destined to be Bishop Kearney's successor in the Utah See and he helped us get the Bishop's text of his sermon for the next day.

Armistice Day dawned bright and cold. It was a Thursday and on that day this paper goes to press. This writer had quite a busy day. The diocesan paper had no photographer. The staff was limited to one. The problem of covering the momentous occasion was a real challenge.

The enthronement of Bishop Kearney was covered by the daily newspapers and radio. Handling the radio coverage was the Rev. Leo C. Mooney, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and managing editor of the Courier, and the Rt. Rev. Mr. Wilfred T. Craugh of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Distinguished members of the Hierarchy included four Archbishops and 28 Bishops as well as Monsignors, leaders of religious orders, priests of this and other dioceses.

Officialdom was represented by Governor Lehman, Mayor Stanton, and prominent citizens included Harper Sibley, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and Mrs. Sibley, Simon Stein and Sol Heumann.

THE BELLS of old St. Patrick's Cathedral, transferred to the pro-Cathedral pealed forth joyously. The Knights of Columbus and Knights of St. John in traditional uniforms furnished the escort to the colorful ecclesiastical procession.

Bishop Stephen Donohoe, Auxiliary Bishop of New York and representative of Cardinal Hayes seated Bishop Kearney on the throne.

The newly installed Bishop took for his sermon text, "As the Father hath sent me, I also send you."

"It is to be expected that on this solemn occasion these words of my Divine Master should be ringing in my ears throughout the ceremony."

Official welcome of the diocese to the new Bishop came from the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, administrator who said in part:

"Gladly shall we look to him for spiritual direction, faithfully shall we follow where he shall lead, zealously shall we further his every effort for the welfare of the Church and the salvation of society."

How prophetic those words were could be gained from a review of the 25 years of Bishop Kearney's reign. Space in this whole newspaper would be inadequate to recount the leadership, the spiritual inspiration, the administration, the advancement of education. The number of tabernacles in the diocese which have come to be since 1937 is the answer.

At the first Friday Luncheon meeting last Friday, the latest achievement of Bishop Kearney was revealed in the building of the two new high schools as described by Brother James Clark, F.S.C.H., principal of the one bearing the Bishop's name. The Irish Christian Brother said the two new schools in buildings, equipment and facilities are superior to those he had seen in various parts of the country.

It has been my privilege to record many, many activities and accomplishments of Bishop Kearney during his silver years of reign here. With the Bishop returned from the Council in Rome and about to mark his anniversary at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday at 4:30 p.m. I conclude with "welcome home and sincerest congratulations."

## Jewish Writer Upholds 'America' Warning

New York — (RNS) — A community to seek its security in a secularized America," he stated.

Dr. Michael Wyschogrod, assistant professor of philosophy at Hunter and a member of Tradition's editorial committee, discussed the America editorial which warned that there might be a resurgence of anti-Semitism due to Jewish support of the Supreme Court decision banning the Regent's Prayer in New York public schools.

While admitting that there are understandable reasons why Jews are wary of an established church, Dr. Wyschogrod stressed that "the security of all mankind, as of the Jew, is to be found in a world in which God rules and in which all men have a sense of living under His judgment."

"The temporary and superficial toleration that the Jew enjoys in a completely secular, Godless world is no more than skin deep," he asserted. "The price he is obliged to pay for it is the abandonment of his own faith, sooner or later."

"It is therefore, in my view, short-sighted for the Jewish



## Tops In Membership Drive

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND PORTER and children, Ann and Jane, 334 Warren Ave., embarking on an all-expenses paid trip to New York, as a result of being one of the top membership solicitors in the recent C.Y.O. Membership Campaign. The stewardess, standing behind Mr. Porter, is Miss Lorraine Brodehl of Mohawk Airlines. The Porter family flew via Mohawk Airlines to New York City Friday, Nov. 2, and stayed at the Manger Windsor Hotel, returning to Rochester Sunday, Nov. 4.

## Public School Nuns OK'd In Colorado

Denver — (RNS) — State Education Commissioner Byron W. Hanson denied a recent charge that Roman Catholic nuns were violating Colorado laws by teaching in public schools.

He quoted a 1961 opinion by Attorney General Duke W. Dunbar which said that the wearing of religious garb or insignia while teaching in the state's public schools is not prohibited by Colorado's constitution.

Dr. Hanson was replying to a charge made by Dr. C. Stanley Lowell, associate director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU). He contended that a public school in Antonito, where nuns teach, was a "captive" school because there were religious symbols in classrooms, doctrine of a particular church were being taught and attendance was required by state law.

Dr. Lowell said that unless the situation was corrected a lawsuit would be filed.

In his answer Dr. Hanson said the Antonito school situation was a "local question" that had been settled by the attorney general's ruling.

Twenty-three of the 28 teachers in Antonito's public schools are nuns of the Benedictine order.

THAT ORDER began teaching at Antonito during the depths of the depression when lack of funds forced the schools to close. In 1933, the system closed early in the year; in 1934 there were funds sufficient only for four months of elementary school and in the same year the high school was closed.

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entered the community and made this proposal to the school board; that 10 teaching nuns would conduct the school system, asking only the use of the building which they would maintain and repair. They added that they would provide their own janitor service.

At that time the town was 75 per cent Catholic and the school board accepted readily. The order spent some \$300 for repairs that year and maintained the schools for eight months of 1935 without cost to the district. More than 300 children were enrolled.

In 1936 the Benedictines accepted a school board offer of \$75-per-month salaries for each nun and \$200 for school repairs. The nuns accepted the salaries and returned the \$200.

## Noted Educator Now Bishop

Washington — (NC) — Pope John XXIII has appointed Msgr. Clarence E. Elwell, 58, a nationally known educator, as Titular Bishop of Cone and Auxiliary to Archbishop Edward F. Hoban, Bishop of Cleveland.

The Bishop-designate has been superintendent of Cleveland diocesan Catholic schools

and director of Catholic education for the diocese since 1948. He has also collaborated on the preparation of numerous textbooks used in Catholic schools and is a frequent speaker on educational topics.

He holds a master of arts degree from Western Reserve University and a doctorate from Harvard University.

## Jesuits Confer

St. Louis — (RNS) — Jesuit-conducted St. Louis University conferred its first honorary Master of Surgery degree here upon Dr. Halford J. Morlan, an 82-year-old Phoenix, Ariz., resident and a 1905 graduate of the university's medical school.

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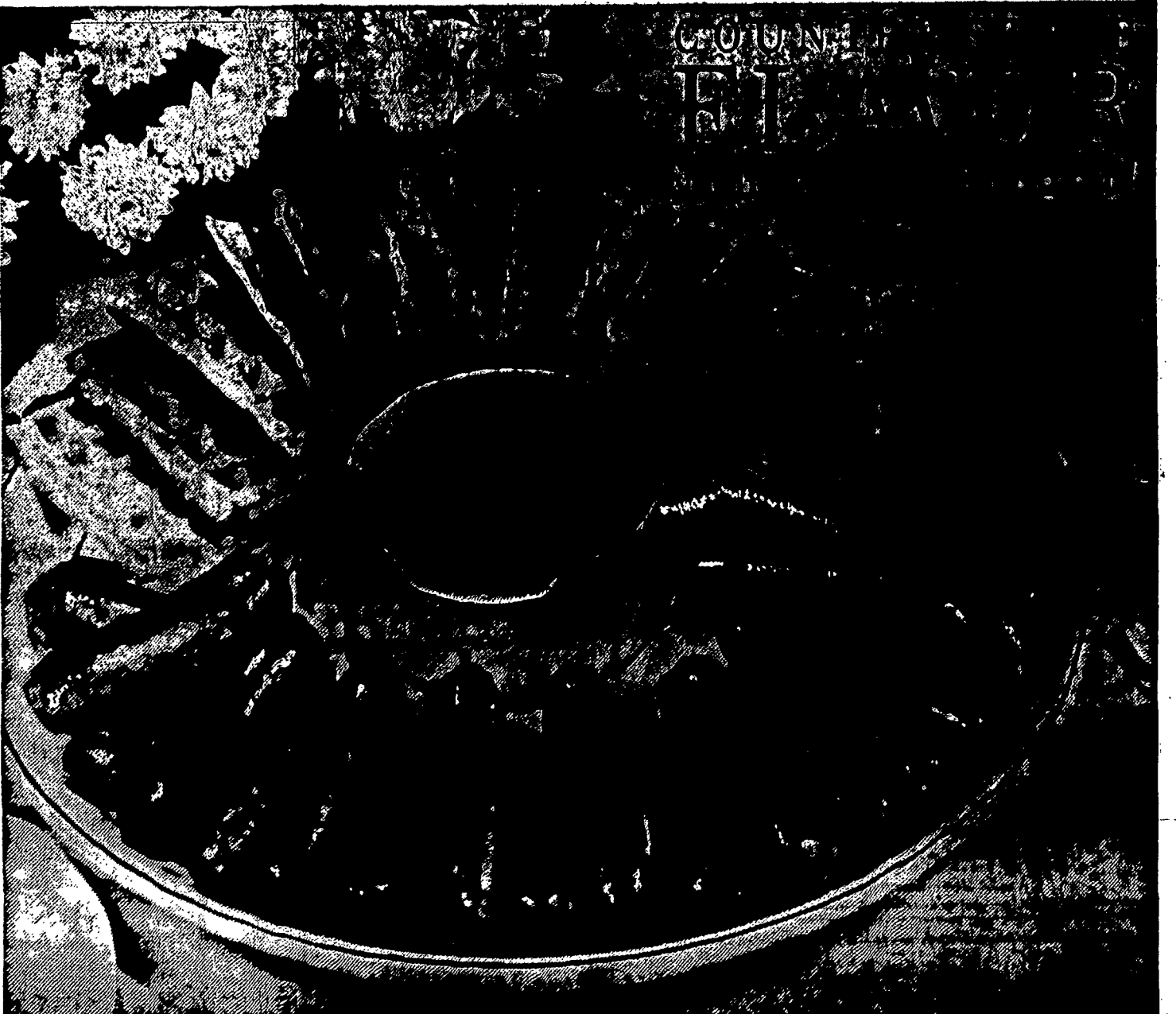
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