



Monsignor Hart, the Bishop's "alter ego," in a 1948 photo.

'Power Behind the Bishop's Throne'

Monsignor Hart Mourned, Served Diocese 47 Years

An era of diocesan history closed this week.

The funeral Mass of Monsignor William M. Hart marked the end of a life which spanned seven decades and bore the imprint of all five bishops of the Rochester Diocese.

The distinguished churchman was termed the "power behind the bishop's throne" for his long service as Vicar General of the Diocese.

CORPUS CHRISTI Church was filled with parishioners, friends, relatives and more than 200 priests for the solemn Requiem offered Tuesday morning by Bishop Kearney.

The Bishop also gave the eulogy after the Mass and cited the life of "devotion" — symbolized by the priest's vestment the chasuble — which characterized Monsignor Hart's life, devotion to God, His Church and fellow-man.

Bishop Kearney said "keen intellect and a loyal heart" marked all the activities whether religious or civic in which Monsignor Hart participated.

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Monsignor Hart died Thanksgiving evening, Nov. 22, 1962, after a seven years illness. He was 73.

He was born Feb. 27, 1889, the seventh child of Arthur T. and Mary Monks Hart, and baptized in Holy Apostles Church, Rochester. He attended St. Bridget's School and was confirmed by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, Rochester's first bishop. He began his priestly studies at St. Andrew's Seminary and continued these studies at St. Bernard's Seminary where he won a doctorate in philosophy in 1914 and a licentiate in sacred theology in 1916.

HE WAS ordained in old St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rochester's second bishop, June 10, 1916. He was assigned as curate at St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, where he served two years.

He was named assistant pastor at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester, April 19, 1918, the parish he was to continue to serve for forty-four years. Added duties were soon given him.

Bishop Hickey appointed him vice-chancellor and his secretary in 1923. When Bishop Hickey resigned his administra-

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tion of the Diocese in 1928 Bishop John F. O'Hern, Rochester's third bishop, appointed the young vice-chancellor to be Vicar General, a position he was to hold for the rest of his life.

According to Church law, a vicar general is a bishop's chief administrative aide — somewhat equivalent to a vice presi-

Msgr. Maney Named Pastor

Monsignor John E. Maney who has served as administrator of Corpus Christi Church since June 24, 1955, was named pastor of the parish by Bishop Kearney yesterday.

Monsignor Maney is also Chancellor of the Rochester Diocese and recently returned from Rome where he served as theologian to Bishop Kearney at the ecumenical Council.

He is a native of Geneva and was ordained in the Eternal City in 1939.

dent in government or industrial affairs.

Cardinal Mooney, Rochester's fourth bishop, also appointed Monsignor Hart to be Vicar General in 1933 and Bishop Kearney likewise chose him for the position in 1937.

On two occasions, Monsignor Hart was called upon to take over full administration of the Diocese — when Bishop O'Hern died in 1933 and when Cardinal Mooney was named to be Detroit's first Archbishop in 1937. In the two interim periods when the Diocese awaited installation of a new bishop, Monsignor Hart served as Vicar Capitular.

Monsignor Hart received his first papal honor in 1929 when Pope Pius XI made him a domestic prelate with the title Right Reverend Monsignor. He was also named at this time by Bishop O'Hern to be a diocesan consultant.

Pope Pius XII conferred on Monsignor Hart the highest rank of the magistracy by making him a Protonotary Apostolic (Continued on Page 6)

Charities Seek Funds For Needy at Christmas

Many families are in need, even in this land of prosperity and plenty. Your Catholic Charities will provide baskets of food and toys to many worthy families.

You can help by sending a donation to Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester 4, N.Y.

Can a Monk Be a Jew?

Jerusalem—(RNS)—Brother Daniel, O. Carm., a bearded Roman Catholic monk in a brown habit and sandals, brought a petition here before the Israeli Supreme Court to claim Jewish nationality under Israel's Law of Return.

The Carmelite monk, born of Jewish parents in Poland, converted to Catholicism during World War II. He came to Israel from Poland three years ago and took up residence at a monastery in Haifa.

Last March Brother Daniel applied for a Jewish immigrant's visa under the Law of Return, enacted in 1950, which guarantees the right of every Jew to settle in Israel. His request was rejected on the ground that he was an apostate from Judaism.

The monk turned down a suggestion from the Israeli Ministry of the Interior that he apply for Israeli citizenship through normal procedures as a non-Jew. He then got permission from his superiors in Rome to take his case to the Supreme Court.

OPEN HOUSE and Christmas Show at Blanchard, Florist, Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Don't miss it. See the newly remodeled store and our artists at work. Free gifts for the ladies. Blanchard, Florist, 80 Lake Ave. Free parking.—Adv.



U.S. Prelates Meet Pope John

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII shakes hands with Albert Gregory Cardinal Meyer of Chicago (left) while James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles stands by during an audience granted for the 230 American prelates attending the Second Vatican Council in Rome. The U.S. prelates — including Bishop Casey of Rochester — crowded into the Vatican Palace's Clementine Hall for the audience. Cardinal Spellman of New York invited the Pope to visit the U.S., to which the pontiff tendered his thanks, but said: "Remember, I am not a boy. I am in my eighties." However, he did not completely rule out the possibility.

Council Probes Age-old Religious Unity Problem

Dead End Track Or New Horizon?

"... There will be one fold and one shepherd—This irresistible assurance was the compelling motive which led us to announce publicly our resolve to call an ecumenical Council," said Pope John in 1959.

This week the Council of the world's Catholic bishops began this elusive quest for religious unity.

The bishops centered their attention this week on the Orthodox churches with a membership of nearly 150,000,000. The Council voiced its official "solicitude for restoring union with these separated brothers of the East."

The Orthodox have been "separated" from Catholicism since the year 1054 except for a brief but ineffectual union agreed upon in 1453.

Possible union with Protestants will be a topic of its own for the Council later.

This week the bishops in Rome agreed the Catholic Church wants to leave nothing untied "for achieving unity," but said it does not want to gain unity "to the detriment of any truth."

HOW CAN the Catholic Church achieve in this present Council what it has failed to attain in nine hundred years? Cynics state the Council has now come full steam onto a dead end track.

There are many indications they may be right.

The Orthodox themselves are conspicuously absent from the Council — only the Russian Orthodox Church has officially sent delegates and, for this, Kremlin strategy rather than religious fervor is widely suspected.

The Orthodox are divided among themselves. To attempt Catholic unity with them would, it is claimed, be like picking up a handful of jagged fragments.

Many Orthodox consider present Vatican interest in them as a turn-about simply to trap them into surrender. They claim recent concern for the preservation of ancient eastern rituals is a bait to lure them to Roman control and eventual "Latinization." They can quote Cardinal William Massala who said in 1882, "Liturgical unity is more to be desired than variety."

Fast Laws Vary In December

Dispensations from Pope John and Bishop Kearney modify regulations indicated on many calendars for the month of December.

Friday, Dec. 7, remains a day of both fast and abstinence, the day before the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

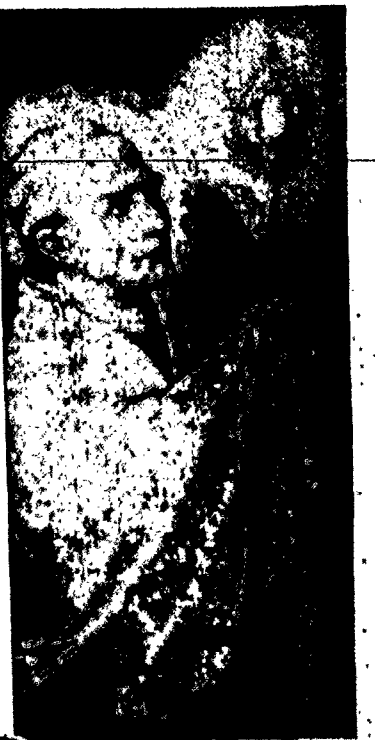
Wednesday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 22, Ember Days, also remain as days of fast and partial abstinence (meat once). Bishop Kearney has granted a dispensation from both fast and abstinence for Ember Friday, Dec. 21.

Pope John two years ago authorized Catholics to choose either Dec. 23 or Dec. 24 as a day to fast and abstain before Christmas. This year Dec. 23 falls on a Sunday. Those who do not wish to observe the Dec. 24 date are not required to fast or abstain on Sunday either.

Such adaptation — "agglomeration" the Pope calls it — is already underway.

Despite occasional appeals to the Orthodox to "return" to Christian unity, Catholic churchmen for nine centuries have relied on a polemical method of proving the Orthodox adversary was doctrinally wrong, inconsistent in any claim of loyalty to Christ, in danger of damnation and at best deserving of Catholic pity. This method, still pursued by some, has obviously had negligible success.

An increasing number of Catholic theologians and ecumenists affirm there are only "misunderstandings" between Orthodoxy and Rome. They claim psychological attitudes and mutual prejudices are the only barrier to union. Contrary (Continued on Page 3)



BLESSED PETER EYMARDE
Soon to be a saint
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President Greet Youth Workers

Washington — (RNS) — President Kennedy is shown with leaders of the ninth annual National Congress on Catholic Youth Work who called on him at the White House. The President welcomed 225 Congress delegates in the White House Rose Garden and spoke to them about his concern for youths who drop out of school. From left to right are Richard M. Gilbert, secretary-treasurer of the National Conference of Catholics in Youth-Serving Agencies and staff member of the NCWC Youth Department; the President; Father Augustine H. Guisani (behind the President and on his left), director of youth work in the Hartford archdiocese; Msgr. John P. Carroll, director of youth work in the Boston archdiocese; and Father John J. Philip, youth director of the Bridgeport, Conn., diocese.

A Dollar for Church, Nine for Crime

School Drop-outs Vex JFK

Washington — (RNS) — President Kennedy greeted 225 priests and lay workers attending the ninth National Congress on Catholic Youth work here and told them he is greatly disturbed by the problem of young people who drop out of school before completing their education.

The President met the delegates in the White House rose garden. He praised them for the work they are doing with young people and said there is no more important task to which Americans may address themselves.

He said that statistics of the Department of Labor show that more than eight million young people will drop out of school in the next decade without receiving high school diplomas.

At a time when trained personnel is needed in many fields, this is a loss the nation can ill afford, Mr. Kennedy warned.

He urged the Catholic diocesan youth workers to join hands with the community in helping to find solutions for the problems young people face.

The visit with the President was the high point of a three-day meeting which brought together diocesan youth directors from all over the nation.

Delegates also heard C. D. DeLoach, an assistant director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, give a grim warning on the cost of juvenile delinquency to the nation.

"Every time an American drops a dollar in the church collection, he is — willing or not — contributing nine dollars out of his other pocket to pay for the cost of crime," he told the conference.

The total bill which the nation pays for crime, including the cost of law enforcement, maintenance of criminal courts, reformatories and penal institu-

tions, of insurance, and of direct losses from crime is nine times the amount contributed to all churches, he said. And for every dollar that is spent on schools and education in the nation, a dollar and ten cents is spent on crime, he asserted.

In the past decade, FBI reports show that the number of young people under 18 arrested by police has almost doubled. Mr. DeLoach reported, an increase two and one-half times the increase in the number of young people.

"Standing as we are in only the earliest phase of our population explosion," he warned, "if the crime rate continues to outstrip population growth, we are in for a very serious problem, indeed, in the years that lie ahead."

In addition to broken homes, he blamed "twisted homes and bent homes" for giving youth the wrong start in life.

He called for stricter laws against smut peddlers, against the "fence" who buys stolen goods from juveniles, and against "all others who profit from encouraging juvenile delinquency."

Bishop Casey Back From Rome Today

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey is scheduled to be back in Rochester this morning after two months in Rome for the ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church.

His trans-Atlantic flight was due in at New York last evening.

Bishop Casey will preside at opening of Forty Hours devotions at Sacred Heart Cathedral this Sunday when he will carry the Blessed Sacrament in the procession at the solemn Mass at 11 a.m. He will also celebrate the closing rite Mass Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m.

The following Sunday, Dec. 9, he will preach about the Council at all Masses at the Cathedral and confirm a class of 213 children of the Cathedral school at 4 p.m.

Monuments and Memorials Holy Sepulchre. The way to choose a monument is to see our hidden beauties will appreciate the plan. THORNTON, 1110 Hope. GR. 7-1111.