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Many new schools have been dedicated by Bishop Casey during his ten years as Auxiliary to Bishop Kearney. Cardinal Mooney, Rochester's fourth bishop, visited the city in 1957 to greet Bishop Kearney on his anniversary. His former secretary, Bishop Casey was on hand to welcome the Prince of the Church.

Bishop Casey's Tenth Anniversary

Bishop Casey will mark his tenth anniversary as a bishop in quite the same way as he has spent his ten years in the episcopate — caring for his parish and aiding Bishop Kearney in diocesan activities.

Sunday, May 5, will recall the same date ten years ago when Cardinal Spellman in solemn rites at Sacred Heart Cathedral consecrated the then Monsignor Lawrence B. Casey to the Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Kearney.

His title as special assistant to the Bishop was not entirely new to Bishop Casey. Even then he had more than twenty years experience as a close collaborator with the

spiritual shepherd of thousands of souls in the Rochester Diocese.

BISHOP CASEY was secretary to Bishop John Francis O'Hern, Rochester's third bishop from 1929 to 1933, then as secretary to Cardinal Mooney, Rochester's fourth bishop, from 1933 to 1937, and as secretary to Bishop Kearney from 1937 until 1946 when he was named pastor of Holy Cross Church, Rochester.

He was named rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral in 1933 and a year later was chosen for the bishop's rank.

Besides his duties as a parish pastor, Bishop Casey's

rank gave him added responsibilities which have taken him to virtually every parish in the Diocese — to confer the sacrament of Confirmation; to bless a new school; to speak at a graduation rite; to launch a fund drive; to spur apostolic projects of the laity and numerous other activities.

Those who know him well testify to his strict observance of a schedule he sets for himself from 6:30 a.m. to his night prayers close to midnight.

He is noted for his "attention to details" — asking which curate will lock the Cathedral's doors or person-

ally to greet a visitor to be published in the press.

Certainly a high-point of his ten years in the episcopate was his attendance at the Vatican Council this past autumn. Like all the other 2,500 Catholic bishops in vast St. Peter's Basilica, he was stirred by the presence of Pope John XXIII. His talks about "the Council to many groups reveal a deep per-

sonal respect for the Supreme Pontiff.

Bishop Casey has played a quiet but most important role in the administrative chores of the Diocese and most every project has been shaped in many ways by his counsel.

Whether his duty calls him to sit with the Princes of the Church or to guide the soul

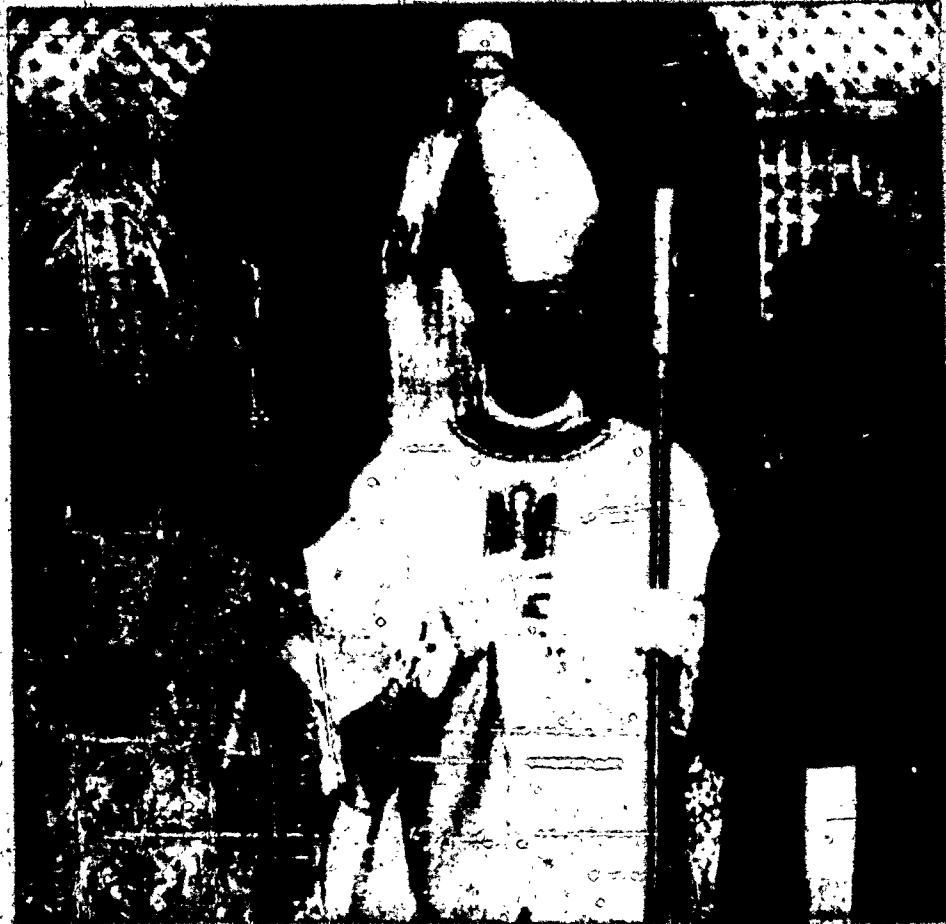
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of a child, Bishop Casey's clear objective remains as he chose it to be even before his consecration as a bishop — his goal is stated on his heraldic coat-of-arms, "Illi Soli Servio — I Serve Only God."

On the day of his consecration he was ritually greeted, "Ad multos annos—For many years!" A grateful Diocese of more than 300,000 souls prays today that he may continue to be blessed in the service of God "ad multos annos."



School ceremonies (above) and autumn cemetery rite (below) are typical of varied duties of Auxiliary Bishop.



Consecration rite on May 5, 1953, brought Cardinal Spellman of New York to Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral.



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