

Vatican Cites World-Wide Need for Priests, Nuns

Diocesan Vocation Program Announced

Increased demand for priests and nuns all over the world and the fact that so many American religious communities are now evangelizing South America at the request of local bishops have brought an appeal from the Holy See for increased efforts to urge our young people to consider a life dedicated to the service of God, Bishop Kearney said today.

He has suggested, on the local level, a four-point vocation program in the parishes of the Rochester Diocese.

He points out the problem in a letter to pastors.

THE PROGRAM which the Bishop suggests is to include:

- 1) Mention from the pulpit from time to time of the honor and blessings of the religious life and the responsibility of Christian homes to encourage vocations.
- 2) An annual "open house" in each parish convent.
- 3) Urging young people who feel a call to God's service to have a regular spiritual director. This can be done even in the upper grades of elementary school.
- 4) Catholics are encouraged to pray for an increase in vocations to the service of God and a prayer

is to be said daily in all parochial school classrooms asking God to send "more laborers into His vineyard."

Bishop Kearney asks priests, nuns and lay people of the Diocese to support the proposed program "and bring us God's blessing for the effort."

He also suggested more individual person-to-person contacts between those already in the religious life with young people who seem worthy and capable of serving God in the priesthood, brotherhood or sisterhood.

"Personal contact is the best source of vocations," the Bishop stated.

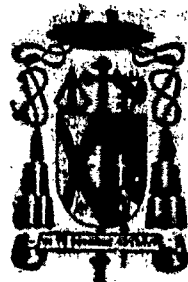
"A more systematic and extensive program is needed in the Diocese at this time," the Bishop explained, "if we are to carry out the requests of the Holy See."

Parents frequently fail to sympathize with their daughter or son's vocation simply because they do not understand how the voice of God can call their son or daughter, Bishop Kearney said in his letter. To show the happiness and contentment of a religious life, he suggests that parents talk over the matter with the religious in their own parish, visit the convent and read the literature on the subject.

FATHER HOHMAN
vocation director
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More Priests, page 2)

His 55th Anniversary

Bishop Kearney will mark his 55th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood Thursday, September 19. He sends this anniversary greeting to the people of the Diocese.



On the completion of fifty-five years in the priesthood next week, I extend to all of you my most sincere blessing and my gratitude to God for all these years of opportunity to serve Him. Almost half of the period has been spent here as your Bishop and I am most grateful for all the happiness that the devotion of the Diocese has brought me through these years.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

James E. Kearney
Bishop of Rochester

Builder of Tabernacles

Fifty-five years a priest of God.

That is the virtual definition of the man who is to be celebrated by Bishop Kearney.

He will mark his anniversary of ordination Thursday, September 19.

His jubilee will find him "at work" offering morning Mass to open the academic year at Nazareth College and in the evening leading in recitations of the Rosary in the nightly Family Rosary for Peace radio broadcast.

His jubilee day will be spent at his desk in the Chancery — but with some extra moments set aside for prayers of thanksgiving before the tabernacle in the chapel of his East Avenue residence.

At a time in life when many other people choose quiet retirement, the Bishop keeps to a schedule which amazes, and sometimes warms, his younger aides.

His list of appointments for September is a litany of events which takes him around the Diocese and around the clock to bless a new church, preach to lawyers and judges, speak at a teachers' conference, bless an airport, ordain young men as deacons, chair a diocesan vocation program and offer Mass daily in a score of high schools and colleges.

Soon after his ordination anniversary, Bishop Kearney will mark another milestone — his 55th anniversary as Bishop of Rochester. He was installed in solemn rite as his Diocese's fifth Bishop November 11, 1927.

Thousands of young adults have grown to maturity and shaped their lives according to the example he gave them in talks at their schools, at social ceremonies and at graduation rites.

Hundreds of new tabernacles where the Saviour lives in Eucharistic silence have received his blessing. Scores of new churches, colleges and school chapels have been built at the Bishop's direction to fulfill our Lord's desire to be with the children of men.

New construction during Bishop Kearney's years here has averaged out to a new church or school completed almost every three months — a pace admired but hardly imitated anywhere else.

He traces his priestly career back to the humble faith of his parents — William Patrick Kearney and Rosalia O'Doherty Kearney — and the religious spirit which permeated their home in Oak, Iowa, where he was born October 28, 1884.

When he was two years of age, his parents, immigrants from Ireland, decided to move to New York City.

His childhood was spent in the area where now stand Grand Central Station and the world's tallest buildings. He served a Mass at St. Agnes Church on Third Street where his vocation to the priesthood developed in clarity.

His brothers William, an attorney, and Leo, former superintendent of the New York public school system, still live in New York City. Both parents died there in the early 1920's. They did live long enough, however, to see their son James ordained as a priest in St. Stephen's Church on September 19, 1904.

His first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Cecilia's Church in New York City where he remained 19 years. During these years he also served as superintendent of Catholic schools in the Bronx and held classes at Our Lady of Good Counsel College, White Plains.

Cardinal Hayes named him in 1928 to establish the new parish of St. Francis Xavier in the Bronx — where he built a church within six months, a school and auditorium before the end of 1930.

Less than five years later, Pope Pius XI had need of a bishop for the vast mission territory of Utah. The talented and capable pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church was selected for the frontier assignment. Cardinal Hayes consecrated Bishop Kearney to the hierarchy in St. Patrick's Cathedral, October 28, 1932.

As Bishop of Salt Lake City, as pastor in New York City, he saw his ministry abundantly blessed and the Vatican kept its eyes on the prelate in the west.

When the Rochester Diocese was in need of a shepherd following the appointment of Cardinal Edward Mooney as Archbishop of Detroit, Pope Pius XI selected Bishop Kearney to be the fifth Bishop of Rochester.

His accomplishments — here have often been told — but never completely. New parishes, new schools have changed skyline in the twelve counties of his Diocese but, greater still, is the change in countless hearts touched by his blessing and his counsel.

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The Whole World Pope Paul's Parish

Pope Paul repeated his role as parish priest in a village church — fourth Sunday in a row he has done so.

He celebrated Mass twice last Sunday — once in the morning at Genzano and again in the evening at Pavona, hill towns in the area near his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo.

He spoke at both the Masses and dropped the formal "we" of papal speaking to use the ordinary "I" of every-day speech.

In his talk at Genzano, a Communist stronghold, the Pope said, "I come as a stranger, as a tourist but I also come with a deep desire to be united with you. And you are bound to me with spiritual bonds. You are all children of God and bound to the Holy Catholic Church. That is why I come here as pope, as pastor, as teacher and spiritual guide."

Mayor Giuseppe de Santis and his municipal council, all Com-

munists, attended the Mass in crowded Holy Trinity Church.

At the evening Mass in Pavona's St. Eugene Church, Pope Paul asked for renewed religious observance of Sunday. "The day of the Lord has become a day of dissipation," he said, despite the fact that "so many parishes, so many places of worship" are available "for all to practice piety."

No leisure time activities "can compare with the family spirit, the joy of companionship, the oneness of heart and soul which a true parish life can offer," Pope Paul told the congregation. "Our faith gives us certainty, peace, comfort. It is our hope for today and our happiness tomorrow."

At both churches, the Pope followed the usual Sunday Mass custom of a parish priest by reading the Gospel, preaching (without a prepared text) and giving Holy Communion.

Bishop Casey Schedules Departure for Vatican

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey will leave Rochester Wednesday, Sept. 18, for Rome and the Vatican Council.

He will join an estimated 2000 other Catholic bishops for the second session of the historic meeting begun last autumn.

Bishop Kearney has been authorized by Vatican officials to remain at home.

Bishop Casey will preach his farewell sermon at Sacred Heart Cathedral at all Masses this Sunday and offer Mass for children of the parish on the day of his departure, Wednesday, at 8:30 a.m.

Four prelates of the Diocese will accompany Bishop Casey at different times during his stay in the Eternal City. Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McCarthy, Vicar General, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rt. Rev. John McCafferty, officially, and Rt. Rev. William Naughton, pastor of St. Anne's Church, Rochester.

Clergy Assignments

Five priests of the Rochester diocese will be assigned to new parishes and as diocesan directors of the Apostleship of Prayer.

Mr. Lawrence W. Sweeney is transferred from assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist to St. Michael's Church, Lyons.

Four assistant pastors are transferred and one priest is given added special work.

Rev. Louis J. Hohman will be diocesan director of vocations. He will also continue as spiritual director of St. John the Evangelist.

Diocesan of Quality, weekly, 7:00 p.m., 215 Main St. (corner of 2nd St.)

Rev. Neil R. Miller is transferred from assistant pastor of St. Michael's Church, Lyons, to St. John the Evangelist.

Blessing of Graves Rite Sunday at Holy Sepulchre

Catholics of the Rochester area are invited to attend the annual blessing of the graves ceremony at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery this Sunday, Sept. 15, at 3:30 p.m.

Bishop Casey will preside and preach. Students of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries will chant the Church's prayers for the dead. Knights of St. John will escort the procession to the cemetery chapel and through the cemetery roadways.

Monuments and flowers for Holy Sepulchre. The best way to choose a monument is to see one in person. Visit the Monument Shop, 1000 Main St., Rochester, N.Y. 14603. Phone 347-1111. — Ad.

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