

Bishop Kearney's Eightieth Birthday

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Greetings from Rome

This is the text of a cablegram sent by Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey from Rome.

It is a privilege to join with the priests and people of the Diocese of Rochester in saluting Bishop Kearney on his eightieth birthday. The best part of the celebration is the fact that he reaches this milestone in good health.

His full October schedule of Confirmation and church celebrations is the best testimony that he retains the vigor and en-

thusiasm that has made him the envy of men many years his junior.

How good it would be if all his flock received Holy Communion and prayed for his intentions either this coming Sunday, October 25, or on his birthday.

May God continue to grant good health to our beloved Shepherd and may he always remain as young in spirit as he is today.

— Lawrence B. Casey

Easier Rites for Mass

A wide-ranging decree from the Vatican will make Church rituals easier to see, hear, understand and take part in.

Pope Paul has set March 7, 1965, the first Sunday of Lent as the date for the changeover — although bishops may put the changes into effect sooner if they wish.

All the emphasis in the instruction is on "community participation" rather than "private" devotion — for example, the priest will no longer say privately portions of the Mass said or sung by the choir or congregation. He is to say or sing the prayers with the people.

Altars are to be placed in the sanctuary so the priest will face the people when he says Mass.

Most of the first part of the Mass — up to the offertory — may be conducted at the altar rail, at a lectern or from the pulpit or from the celebrant's chair which may be placed behind the altar so he will "truly appear to preside over the entire community of the faithful" wherever it may be "more convenient."

SOME OF the other changes called for include: eliminating Psalm 42 in the prayers at the start of Mass and the last gospel at the end of the Mass; saying the secret prayer of the Offertory aloud as also the doxology at the end of the Canon and the prayer after the Our Father; the signs of the cross at the Canon's doxology are also eliminated, the priest will hold the Host over the chalice for all to see, say the usual words but wait for the people's Amen before genuflecting; the Lord's Prayer will be said or (Continued on Page 3)

Builder of Tabernacles, Shepherd of Souls

Scripture says Moses was eighty years old when God gave him the task to lead the ancient chosen people on their forty year trek to their promised land.

A newer Moses will also soon be eighty years old but he has not waited for this milestone to begin to guide God's present chosen people in their quest for a promised land.

Bishop Kearney, 58 years a priest, 32 years a bishop, 27 years episcopal shepherd of the Rochester Diocese, will mark his 80th birthday Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The rigors of the episcopate leave few bishops to reach this fourscore birthday — and fewer still with such youthful vigor as is characteristic of Bishop Kearney.

As Scripture also says in a passage applicable to him — his "delight is to be with the children of men."

His schedule staggers his younger aides.

And filling this schedule is his special delight when invited to bless a new church or chapel — a new tabernacle where the Saviour of mankind will take up His dwelling to make that spot an outpost of heaven, a glimpse in our time of the promised land ahead in eternity.

And obviously with equal delight does the Bishop of Rochester go out to the more than 150 parishes of his twelve county Diocese to bless the living tabernacles — the souls of the people entrusted to his care.

He is in demand to offer Mass for a parish jubilee, speak at an organization's convention, keynote a fund drive, preside at a young people's devotional rite, broadcast the Rosary or confer diplomas on graduates — besides giving Confirmation to hundreds of children each year and administering the endless details of a far-flung Diocese.

With his blessing and encouragement, more than 20 new parishes have been established, more than 25 other parishes have had new churches and nearly 25 new schools have been erected or significantly expanded, plus new hospital and residence facilities for the sick, the aged, orphans and homeless — an average of a new building every four months.

The story of Bishop Kearney's life begins in the village of Red Oak, Iowa, where he was born October 28, 1884, the son of William Patrick Kearney and Rosina O'Doherly Kearney, both of whom came from Ireland.

When he was two years of age, his parents moved to New York City.

He was educated in that city's public schools and his playground was the area now occupied by Grand Central Station. He served Mass at nearby St. Agnes Church on 43rd Street where his vocation to the priesthood first asserted itself.

His parents died in the early 1920's but his two brothers

still live in New York: William, an attorney, and Leo, formerly assistant superintendent of the New York public school system. Leo's son, Donald has named one of his two sons in honor of the Bishop, James Edward.

Prior to his definite decision to become a priest, Bishop Kearney attended New York's Teacher College and in 1903 taught at public school 25 in East 5th Street in the heart of what was then a Jewish neighborhood.

His childhood dream of serving God in the priesthood grew stronger during his days as a teacher so he enrolled as a student at St. Joseph's Seminary, St. Dunwoodie near Yonkers, the archdiocesan seminary.

His record of priestly service to God and the Church thus began over fifty years ago in New York City. Twenty-five year old James Edward Kearney knelt in St. Stephen's Church on 28th Street. In a rite he himself was destined later to perform for many others, the young deacon became a Catholic priest, ordained to his office by Auxiliary Bishop Thomas F. Cusack, September 10, 1908.

His first assignment was as assistant curate at St. Cecilia's Church, New York, where he remained for 19 years. During these years he was given added duties as superintendent of Catholic schools in the Bronx and lectured in classes at Our Lady of Good Counsel College at White Plains.

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Radio Rosary On Birthday

Bishop Kearney invites the people of the Rochester Diocese to celebrate his birthday next Wednesday, Oct. 23, by joining him in the Rosary broadcast on Rochester radio station WSAJ and Auburn station WMO-FM at 7 p.m.

He says the birthday Rosary will be his "expression of gratitude to a wonderful Mother."

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FATHER SULLIVAN

Pastor's Funeral Tomorrow

Solemn Funeral Mass for the Rev. J. Beecher Sullivan, pastor of St. Helen's Church, Rochester, will be offered tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the parish church.

Father Sullivan, aged 59, died suddenly, after a heart attack, on Oct. 20, 1964.

Bishop Kearney will celebrate the Funeral Mass.

FATHER SULLIVAN was ordained on June 8, 1929 by Bishop John Francis O'Hara in the former St. Patrick's Cathedral. He was a graduate of Haverling Grammar and High School. (Continued on Page 3)

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Ten Choirs to Present 'New Songs in The Church'

An event of extraordinary interest for the people of the Diocese of Rochester has been set for Sunday, Nov. 22, at 8:15 p.m., at Mercy High School Auditorium, 1437 Blossom Road.

A concert of liturgical music, "New Songs in The Church," will be performed by an ensemble of ten Rochester choirs conducted by Alexander Pelouquin.

The concert is of significance both liturgically and musically because it is designed to illustrate the spiritual settings of the English liturgy which will be introduced throughout the United States on the first Sunday of Advent.

The program will include liturgical settings for children's voices, unison and mixed choruses, and congregations. The first part of the concert will feature contemporary settings of psalms with antiphons being sung by the audience and psalms by the participating choirs.

In the second part texts of the proper and the common of the Mass in English will be sung in varied settings.

THE CHOIRS which will perform individually and as an ensemble are from Cardinal Mooney High School, Mercy High School, Nazareth College, Our Lady of Mercy Novitiate, the Persian Choir of Nazareth Academy, St. Agnes High School, St. John Fisher College, St. Mary's Church, St. Michael's

School, and the Sisters of St. Joseph Novitiate.

Dr. Alexander C. Pelouquin, who will conduct the performance, is a distinguished composer and conductor from Providence, Rhode Island, and director of The Pelouquin Chorale. Most recently he was director of the Liturgical Work Choir

which performed at the 1964 Liturgical Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

Father Benedict A. Elmann, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester, is chairman of the committee for the concert, and Father Peter E. Sheehan, C.S.B., St. John Fisher College, is coordinating chairman.

Other members of the planning committee are Sister Barbara, Our Lady of Mercy High School; Sister Benedict, St. John the Evangelist Convent; Sister Claudia, St. Agnes High School; Sister Florian, Nazareth Motherhouse; Sister Majella, Catherine McAuley College; Sister Mary John, Nazareth Motherhouse; Sister Rose

Alice, Nazareth College; and Sister Rose Teresa, Nazareth Academy.

Tickets for the concert may be purchased at Trant's, Inc. and Lewis Music Store before the concert, or at the box office on the night of the performance. The price of admission is \$1.00.



New Convent Blessed At Christ The King

Bishop Kearney blessed the new convent and chapel at Christ the King parish last Saturday morning. With him in photo are Father William Schifferli, pastor, and Father James Moynihan, his secretary. The feast of Christ the King occurs this Sunday, Oct. 25.