

Bishop's Eightieth Birthday

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He was named by Cardinal Hayes in 1928 to establish the new parish of St. Francis Xavier in the Bronx. Within six months, he had built a frame structure church, and by the next year had a parish school, and by 1930 had the parish school in operation.

That he laid strong foundations for the faith in his new parish was graphically demonstrated when he returned to St. Francis Xavier as a bishop in 1937 to bless the cornerstone for a new and larger school, and then again in 1951 to preside at the dedication of a new and larger church edifice.

After only four fleeting years as pastor, Father Kearney was selected to train his talents toward wider and distant horizons.

He was named Bishop of Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1952, and received consecration to this rank on his birthday, also his mother's birthday, and the anniversary of the prelate who gave him the episcopal dignity, Cardinal Hayes, admitted Bishop Kearney to the hierarchy in St. Patrick's Cathedral, October 25, 1952.

The Salt Lake diocese was then a mission outpost, vast in territory, meager in the number of Catholics, and faced with financial hardships. His tireless activity inspired the 33 priests of that diocese to make the 36,000 Catholics in Utah an active and vital part of the church's life.

His own personal sincerity won the respect of the people of Utah, including the governor, George H. Blood. By appealing for aid in New York City churches, Bishop Kearney obtained the funds needed to support his priests in the west.

At Boston in New York, as a bishop in Utah, he saw his ministry abundantly blessed. Today the Utah diocese counts 110 priests and a Catholic population of 46,598, four times the total of 1952.

When the Rochester Diocese was in need of a shepherd following Cardinal Mooney's appointment in 1937 as Archbishop of Detroit, Pope Pius XI selected the young prelate of the west to be the fifth Bishop of Rochester.

The story of his more than twenty-five years here is well known and it is a story which, though told in a hundred different ways, is basically every day the same — a day spent from his morning Mass to his close-of-day visit to the Blessed Sacrament in leading his people closer to the Sacred Heart of the Saviour.

As head of the Rochester Diocese, 362,000 Catholics look to him for guidance toward the eternal home. Thousands from other denominations also call him friend and his counsel and life have surely bolstered the community moral standards of cities, towns and rural areas in the diocese.

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That is the record begun quietly and obscurely 80 years ago — a devotion to duty, a lesson he learned from his hard-working, sincere parents and one he has made the hallmark of his service for souls.

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Bishop Kearney and Monsignor William J. Grange, pastor of St. Bernard's, were principal participants at the seminary's annual reunion last week which drew more than 500 priests back to their alma mater. Father John G. Finnegan, left, of the Camden diocese, a 1942 graduate of St. Bernard's, was elected alumni president.

Local Educator Proposes

'Catholic Public Schools'

The Church's schools should be called "Catholic public schools" to make clear that they serve a public purpose, according to Father William M. Roche, Rochester diocesan superintendent of schools.

Speaking at the diocesan conference of Parent-Teacher Associations in Trenton, N.J., on Oct. 12, Father Roche said the term "parochial" gives the impression "of being provincial or limited."

He believes there are Catholic public schools, Jewish and Protestant public schools and community-operated public schools. "All of these schools perform the same public function and all should be given precisely the same standing in the community," he said.

"We must consider our schools as positive contributions to the welfare of this nation. They are not divisive and they do not separate any American children from the so-called main stream of life. Perhaps we have unfortunately and unwittingly caused the wrong impression," he said. "We do not keep our children out of the public schools, we rather pull them into a setting where they will learn in an atmosphere of Christian morality."

FATHER ROCHE described adequate financial support of Catholic schools as an "urgent problem." He said that a part

of their support should come from public funds and he felt that state aid rather than federal assistance is more important.

The northeastern and New England states, he said, can do more to help themselves than they could realize through federal aid.

"In most of our states," he added, "we shall be a long time in obtaining justice, because most state constitutions specifically prohibit aid to schools operated by religious institutions, whereas the federal government does not. However, the way to correct this discriminatory situation is not by crying about it, but by beginning now to plan for changes in our various state constitutions wherever this might be necessary."

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The first assignment after graduation was as assistant pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Camden, where he remained until 1937. He was then appointed assistant at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Father Sullivan was named pastor of St. Helen's Church in June 4, 1940. The church was formerly a mission of St. Augustine's parish.

Under Father Sullivan's direction, St. Helen's School was opened in 1943 in a temporary structure.

Construction of a new school was completed in 1956 and the sisters' convent was renovated in 1957.

The new St. Helen's Church was dedicated in June 1962 by Bishop Kearney and Mass offered by Auxiliary Bishop Casey.

The entire parish building project, including the rectory, was the life's work of Father Sullivan. At the 1962 dedication site he said, "I never thought I'd live to see this glorious day."

He lived to see it grow from a small frame building on Hinckley Road to the splendid parish plant that stands today — a lasting tribute to Father Sullivan's zeal.

At Georgetown

ROME — (AP) — Five prominent Vatican Council theologians will attend ceremonies marking the 75th anniversary of the foundation of Georgetown University on Nov. 30. They are Jesuit Father Karl Rahner of the philosophy faculty of Munich University and Father Hans Kuenig of the Catholic theology faculty of Tübingen University, Ger-

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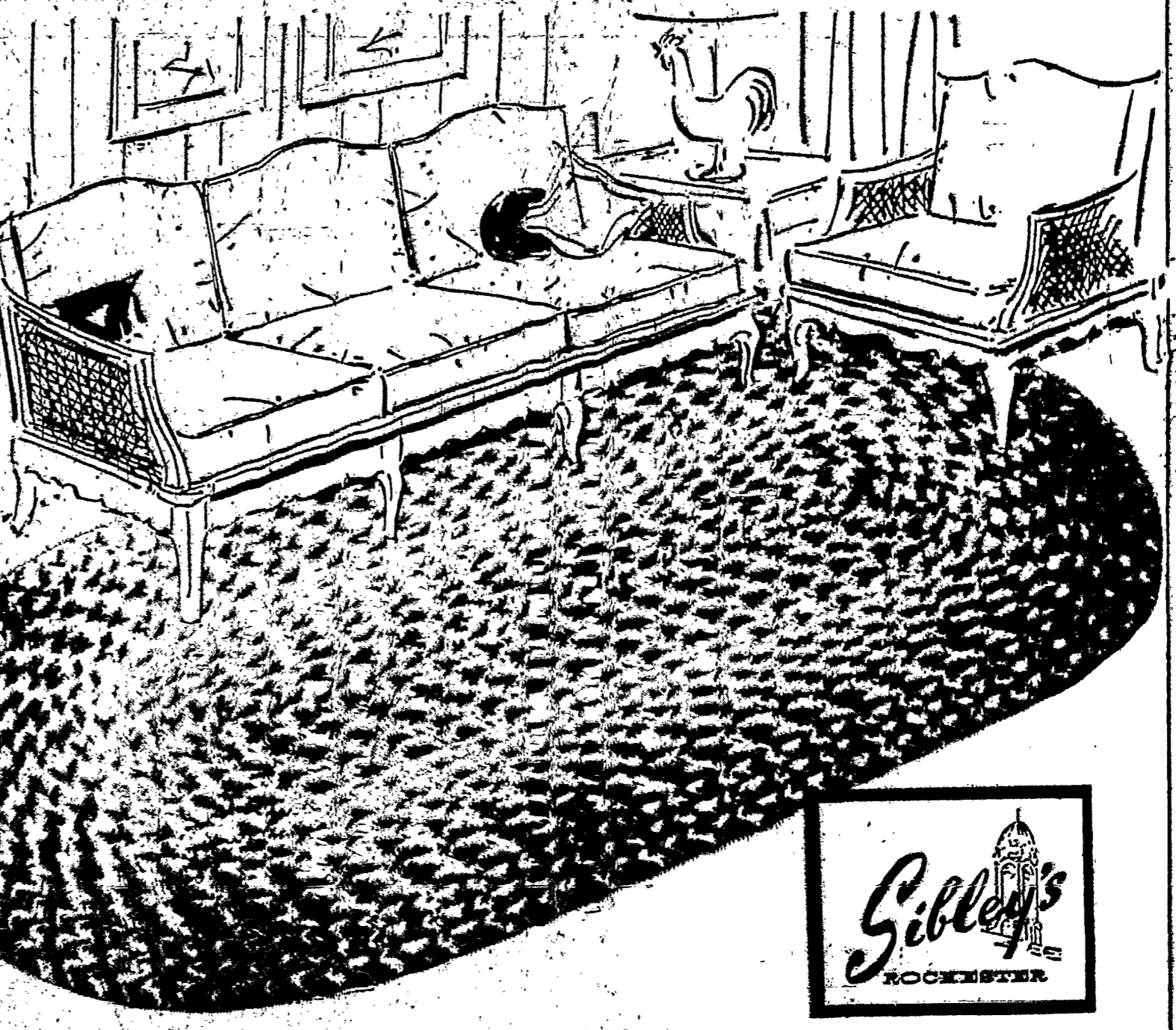
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Boston Prelate Praises Nobel Peace Winner

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ning in English or Latin by priest and people. Communion will be given without the priest making a sign of the cross with the host, solemn Mass may be said without a subdeacon. Weddings may celebrate High Mass according to the rite now used by priests.

The Confirmation rite is to be presided by a renewal of baptismal vows; by people may receive Communion at both the midnight Mass and a daytime Mass on Christmas and Easter; candles will be blessed on Candlemas Day with but one of the five present prayers and provision is made for a new form of service called a "Celebration of the Word of God" — a rite which will include Scripture readings and prayers.

THE VATICAN instruction also settles a longstanding liturgical problem — where to put the tabernacle when the altar faces the people.

May the God of Justice and