

Looking Back

A Newsman Reviews Bishop Casey's Career

By THOMAS H. O'CONNOR

The people of the Diocese of Paterson will have as their Bishop next week, a churchman whom it has been this writer's experience to have known for most of his priesthood.

I first met Bishop Casey when he was an assistant at old St. Mary's Church. The late Ted Houck who was selling advertising at the time on the former Rochester Echo, introduced me.

Ted was always a staunch admirer of the priest who later became pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral in which Houck was a zealous parishioner.

My next recollection of Father Casey was when I became associated with this newspaper and he was Bishop O'Herns secretary. The newspaper office for a time was on Andrews St. and the Chancery on old Frank St. It was a long run when a Chancery story broke.

This was remedied for us when the Chancery was moved to the third floor of the Columbus Civic Center and the newspaper had offices on the fifth floor. I could run down two flights of stairs and there in his cramped office, Father Casey was ever ready to give us information, check our accuracy on stories and show the biographical records of the priests. Witty and considerate, he brightened the path of Catholic newspaper people of that time.

In 1946, when I congratulated him on being the new pastor of Holy Cross Church, his reply was: "The two of us could write a book about the last nine years at 50 Chestnut and it would be an interesting one."

When an observance of this writer's 25 years in the Catholic Press was held, the now Bishop of Paterson wrote: "You and I saw a lot of each other during the days when the Courier was younger and the going rougher than it is now." He said other things that I shall always cherish. "I never recall you getting angry when the Chancery had some late flash which broke up the layout you had already prepared," he said.

Bishop Casey has a news sense that stood him in good stead during his time here as secretary to Bishop Kearney and as Cathedral pastor. This he used to great advantage in sending out news letters to the World War II chaplains in far flung outposts all over the world. His parish bulletin at Sacred Heart is widely read and quoted.

My family are parishioners at Sacred Heart. We moved there in 1922 and were there to greet Bishop Casey in 1952. He succeeded Monsignor George V. Burns — our old friend from St. Patrick's Cathedral days. In my recollection, Bishop Casey never failed to pay glowing tribute to his predecessor both from the pulpit, in the bulletin and in conversation.

He is most appreciative of everything done for him. I sent him a clipping recently and immediately received a letter thanking me for the memories the clipping brought to him.

At the time of his consecration in 1953 when preparations were being made for the ceremonies at Sacred Heart Cathedral, a note arrived saying that he knew I would rather be a "roving reporter" at the ceremonies than to be assigned to one particular pew. I had no difficulty roaming about and observing from good vantage points in the Cathedral.

In jotting down these few recollections I am aware that Bishop Casey's career here in Rochester would fill several books as would that of Bishop Kearney whom we have seen working together to advance this diocese.

In addition to all diocesan work of Bishop Casey, his activity in Sacred Heart parish which I have been privileged to witness has been extensive. His improvements in the parish have cost an estimated \$1,000,000, Father Edward Zimmer said Sunday in a tribute to the pastor of the last 14 years.

The new convent, church improvements including the altars and organ, the adequate new administration building and rectory attest his ability to advance the material things. Father Zimmer, however pointed out the great spiritual progress motivated by Bishop Casey in the Cathedral parish. He said it is summed up in the word "service."

We parishioners know that every opportunity is provided for Confessions, Masses and special spiritual ceremonies at the Cathedral.

In this writer's humble opinion, the Paterson diocese is gaining a dedicated, well experienced and devout Shepherd who was trained well under Archbishop later Cardinal Mooney and for the greater length of time under Bishop Kearney.

All Cathedral parishioners are being asked to remember Bishop Casey in their Communion, May 8. All who have ever been beneficiaries of his influence will send with him prayers for a successful and "fruitful reign" as we said in the old days, in Paterson.



Sister Germaine of St. Jerome School, East Rochester.



Sister Vincent, trumpet soloist, music teacher of St. Plus X and St. Monica Schools.



Sister Celeste of St. Monica School, Rochester.

SRO Sisters' Concert

All four of the Rochester performances of the Sisters of St. Joseph Concert were sold out before the curtain went up on the first of them, and from the enthusiastic response of the audiences, no one regretted having purchased his ticket.

A special children's performance for fifth through eighth graders opened the public "circuit" at 2 p.m. on April 30 in the St. Agnes High School auditorium. Giving a brief explanation of each of the numbers, Sister Claudia, director of the 104-voice chorus, made this performance an entirely enjoyable experience for this very delightful audience.

At the three regular performances, Saturday and Sunday evenings and the Sunday matinee on April 30 and May 1, the program consisted of four groups of four numbers each, performed by the chorus, as well as two solos by Sister Francina, music teacher at Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

This coming week-end the Sisters are bringing their concert to other areas of the Diocese: on Saturday, May 7, there will be a children's performance

at 3:30 and a regular one at 8 p.m. in Elmira in the auditorium of Notre Dame High School; on Sunday, May 8, at 4:00 at DeSales High in Geneva; and that same evening at 8 p.m. will be the closing concert of this year's "tour" in Auburn at the Emerson East High Auditorium.—S.M.J.

First Friday Supper

Father William A. Burns, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, will speak at the First Friday Supper, tonight, Friday, May 6, at Columbus Center, Elmira. The supper, sponsored by Elmira Council 229, Knights of Columbus, is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

Father Burns' topic will be "Catholic School Boards—Their Function in Education Today."

The speaker, a native Elmira, is a former principal of Elmira Catholic High School.

Family group attendance at the supper is encouraged, with donations set at 99 cents for adults and 50 cents for children.

The home-style meal will be prepared and served by a committee of Ladies of Columbus.

Council Chancellor Edward A. Hee is general chairman of the First Friday Supper series. The May supper is the eighth in the 1955-56 series, which concludes with the June supper.

Council Grand Knight Raymond F. Dunlap will deliver the welcome.



From Mooney Athletes:

Mothers Day Gift to Mary

A Mothers' Day gift to the Mother of God from the athletes of Cardinal Mooney High School this week. It is a life-size statue of Our Lady, Help of Christians, and was dedicated by Bishop Kearney last Thursday in Mooney's May Day ceremonies.

Facing the athletic field, the graceful statue carries a plaque with a message inscribed to Our Lady from "The Athletes of Cardinal Mooney High School." It reads:

"Victory is easy; we offer this to you. Defeat is hard, and we offer this with all our hearts."

At this point in the school year, the Cardinal athletes have been offering many more victories than defeats! Their football team had a great year; their basketball club had the best overall record among Diocesan teams, even though losing to Aquinas in the year's end tourney. And at this juncture, the baseball team is coasting along undefeated.

If they do have losing teams, however, they hope that Our Lady will remind them to take the crosses with the crown!

Idea for the Marian statue came Mooney's athletic director, Edmund Neitopski, who broached the project earlier this year in a sports assembly.

He'd spoken of the necessity of good sportsmanship, striving for scholarship and the importance of his athletes to be

Christian gentlemen. Then he mentioned how encouraging it would be to have a beautiful shrine of Our Lady on the Mooney campus, "an inspiration to every Mooney student."

The Athletic Club took to the idea, and guided by their moderators, Brother Donald and Brother Francis of the Holy Cross Congregation, started on the project. A series of successful fund-raising events through the year made the statue a reality this spring.

Auburn Jesuit To Be Ordained

Father Henry W. Traub, S.J., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Traub of 40 Drummond Ave., Auburn, will be ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Spellman on Thursday, June 9 at Fordham University Chapel, New York City.

Father Traub was born on Nov. 15, 1928 in Auburn and received his primary and secondary education there and in New York City. For his college education, Father Traub attended Duke University where he completed his studies with the A.B. degree in 1950.

His interests from early schoolhood lay in the Greek and Latin classics, and with a view to pursuing this field on an advanced level, he matriculated at the University of North Carolina with the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in that field in 1954.

After receiving his doctorate, Father Traub taught Classics and Classical Archaeology for two years at Ohio State University.

In the summer of 1956 Father Traub entered the Society of Jesus at the Jesuit Novitiate, Plattsburgh, N.Y. After the two years of novitiate training, he studied philosophy at Shrub Oak, N.Y. for three years. Father Traub then returned to the teaching of classics for one year at Bellarmine College, a Jesuit House of Studies.

For the next two years Father pursued both theological and philosophical studies at the University in Innsbruck, Austria, and later on in Rome. He returned to this country to complete his training in theology at Woodstock College, Woodstock, Md.

Father Traub will celebrate his First Solemn Mass on July 31 in St. Mary's Church, Auburn. The preacher at the Mass will be Father Edmund Braun, S.J. There will be a reception in the church hall following the Mass.

Knights Honor Pope

Eighty five new Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus were inducted in rites at Our Lady of Lourdes parish hall, Brighton, Sunday, May 1.

Their class was dedicated to Pope Paul.

At a dinner following the degree ceremony, Bishop Kearney described his personal thrill at seeing Pope Paul come to New York City last autumn and cross the same intersection where the Bishop as a young pastor often shepherded children to church or religious instruction.

Monsignor George Cocuzzi, speaker at the dinner, explained the delicate role of Pope Paul in coordinating the activities of conservative and liberal churchmen in a uniform application of the Vatican Council's directives.

Principals in the colorful degree rite included, as shown in photo, George A. Hayslip, navigator; the Bishop; Father John Steger, friar; Judge John J. Conway.



Sister Mary Peter is New York State's first registered nun-psychologist.

Licensed Psychologist

Local Nun Is First in Field

The first nun in New York State to be licensed as a practicing psychologist is a Rochester Sister of Mercy, Sister Mary Peter, R.S.M., who heads the Psychology Department at Catherine McAuley College.

When she received her license recently from the New York State Education Department, Office of Professional Education, Sister Mary Peter was informed that she was the first nun to be so licensed in the state. She was awarded the license as the result of examinations taken last December.

She is currently on leave from McAuley College, in order to teach psychology courses at Nazareth and St. John Fisher colleges.

She is presently serving on the Committee for Emotionally Disturbed Children of the Mental Health Chapter of the Rochester and Monroe County Health Association. A consultant for the DePaul Clinic, Sister Mary Peter served a year of her two-year internship in psychology there under the clinical direction of Dr. Albert Sullivan. She is a member of the American Psychological Association, the Catholic American Psychological Association and the New York State Psychological Association.

She received her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from the University of Rochester, her M.A. degree from Fordham University, and her B.A. degree from Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. Her doctoral thesis was on "The Role of Intelligence, Personality, and Selected Psychological Factors in Remedial Reading Progress."

Sister Mary Peter has published several research articles in such periodicals as the Journal of Social Psychology, and has lectured frequently to parent groups in this area. She is director of the Testing and Guidance Center at Catherine McAuley College.

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