



Youngsters of Sacred Heart Cathedral school presented a farewell salute to Bishop Casey in the form of a "This is Your Life" pageant at Nazareth Academy auditorium last week. Rehearsals, costuming and make-up preceded the hour long spectacle of tableaux and songs.

A New Bishop For Paterson

History and pageantry highlighted dramatic rites in which Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, native Rochesterian, became fifth Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey.

The ceremony took place yesterday afternoon in Paterson's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.

The pageantry included a procession of colorfully robed clerics—43 bishops, 500 priests of whom nearly 200 were from the Diocese of Rochester—and a congregation of over 1400, with hundreds more standing outside the Cathedral.

Archbishop Thomas E. Boland of Newark presided at the rite. Bishop Kearney was near his former Auxillary in the vast sanctuary of the downtown Gothic structure.

BISHOP CASEY, in his sermon at the Mass, outlined his goals for his episcopate in the three county Paterson diocese.

He paid tribute to his four predecessors in that diocese and pledged himself to "more dialogue and mutual help" between clergy and laity, and to clergy of other denominations, he said any barriers still obstructing collaboration "all must eventually be removed."

Full text of his talk is on page four of this Courier.

HISTORY ALSO came full circle in yesterday's ceremony. Rochester's first bishop, Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, as a young priest, was assigned in 1848 to a parish in Madison, south of Paterson.

The present Paterson diocese was a part of the Newark diocese until 1937 so the then Father McQuaid, who became rector of the Newark cathedral in 1853, trudged over country roads that are now six-lane expressways in Bishop Casey's new diocese.

To strengthen the historic bond a bit more tightly, Bishop Casey's middle name Bernard was given him in honor of Bishop McQuaid.

Bishop Casey, who will receive an honorary degree from St. John Fisher College this June, as announced elsewhere in this issue of the Courier, also follows in the footsteps of Bishop McQuaid as a prelate strongly convinced of the need for Catholic education from kindergarten through college.

Bishop McQuaid, prior to his consecration to the hierarchy, was the first president of Seton Hall University in Paterson which has more than 700 men students today. He was also a friend and adviser to Mother Mary Xavier Mehegan, first Sister of Charity in New Jersey, the order which staffs St. Elizabeth's College for women at Convent Station, with close to 1000 students today.

IN A FAREWELL sermon at Sacred Heart Cathedral last Sunday, Bishop Casey described the people of his parish and of the Rochester Diocese as "extremely loyal, cooperative, willing to make sacrifices for your religion."

He cited the Cathedral and other churches and institutions of the Diocese as evidence of a constant generosity.

In his sermon, he nostalgically reminisced on his priestly work in the Rochester Diocese. Sunday was also Mother's Day and this brought memories flooding back to him too.

"Today is Mother's Day," he said, "and each of us, in our own way honors the one to whom we owe the most."

"My memories of my mother are entwined with Sacred Heart. The first Sunday I was here in March 1952, I was standing out in front of church before Mass and she came walking down the street with my Uncle Joe. I shouted a greeting to her from a distance—and when she came up, she said, 'Lawrence, you'll have to act more dignified now, you're up at the Cathedral.' As a girl she was a member of old St. Patrick's Cathedral and she had a sense of what was proper."

"She lived at 32 Primrose St., behind the Cathedral, for five years and it was good to have her close. Toward the end, her mind was in the shadows and I drove her up one day from St. Ann's Home to see the new high altar. She didn't pay much attention to that but she tugged my arm and said, 'That's where I used to sit. It was over there by the second column.'"

"So many memories," Bishop Casey said wistfully. "I shall leave here Tuesday," he said, "and leave part of my heart here too. A priest always does that in a place where he was happy."

He concluded with the wish: "May God protect you until the happy day when we shall all meet again in heaven." He then gave a hushed congregation at each Mass his final blessing.

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Father Hayes Named Cathedral Rector

A former curate at the Cathedral will return to be its rector on Pentecost Sunday.

Father John S. Hayes has been named by Bishop Kearney to succeed Bishop Casey at the Mother Church of the Diocese.

Father Hayes, eight years pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, will begin his Cathedral assignment Sunday, May 29.

He was assistant pastor there from September of 1942 until the end of 1943 when he became a U.S. Army chaplain in World War II.

As chaplain he saw battle action with General George S. Patton's famed Third Army in France and Germany. He was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism and General Patton personally commended him for writing the history of his artillery group. He retired from Army duty with the rank of Major.

Father Edward Zimmer is administrator of the Cathedral until Father Hayes' coming at the end of this month.



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FATHER HAYES

Bishop Casey to Receive Honorary Fisher Degree

St. John Fisher College will award an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to Bishop Casey of Paterson at its commencement exercises Sunday, June 5.

Bishop Casey on that date will give the address at the young College's twelfth graduation day exercises.

The College will award the honorary degree to the newly installed Bishop of Paterson "in recognition of his many years of service in the Diocese of Rochester and particularly for his interest in the work of education from the parochial school to the college level," according to a statement issued at the College.

Bishop Casey was a key figure in establishing a revised program of seminary education for priests of the Rochester Diocese by which seminarians make their college studies at St. John Fisher.

Canadian Jew Reports

Pope Pius Rescued 700,000 Jews

Jerusalem — (RNS) — An Israeli author who was once a consul in Milan is publishing a new book in which he credits the late Pope Pius XII with having saved at least 700,000 Jews from death at the hands of the Nazis through quiet and unpublicized wartime efforts.

Pinhas Lapide, whose book is entitled "The Last Three Popes and the Jews," and will be published in Holland later this year, agreed that his findings were "basically anti-Hochhuth." This meant that they were a rebuttal to the German author and playwright, Rolf Hochhuth, who charged in his play, "The Deputy," that Pius XII failed to speak out in protest while Jews were sent to gas chambers.

Lapide, who has eight novels to his credit and has written extensively on religious themes, said he had "waited for the Vatican to stand up and say what it did," but "apparently it doesn't know the results of the Pope's repeated interventions."

He said Pope Pius spoke out six times in defense of the Jews in encyclicals, pastoral messages and radio appeals, and did all he could to initiate rescue work secretly. He contended that any more outspoken pronouncements by the Pope from 1939 through 1944 "would certainly have reduced the number of Jews he was able to save."

Lapide, who is Canadian-born, claimed that the Catholic Church in Europe was instrumental in saving more than those saved by all other Churches, religious institutions and rescue organizations combined. Taking Nazi-occupied Europe country by country, he traced the efforts of Catholics to save their Jewish countrymen, stressing that the Pope's efforts were dependent on the strength and heroism of his churchmen in each country.

Lapide said his research occupied two years and he neither sought nor received assistance from the Vatican, because "I felt this must be said and that it must be said by a Jew." He based his book largely on Jewish sources, including the archives of the Yad Vashem, the memorial authority in Jerusalem which contains one of the world's largest collections of documents on the fate of European Jewry; the Hebrew University library, and accounts of 211 Jewish survivors.

Replying to the assertion that stronger and more direct public statements would have curbed the slaughter of the Jews, Lapide compared the varying effectiveness of this procedure in several countries.

In the Netherlands, he recalled, Dutchmen wore yellow flowers to flout the Nazi order that Jews must wear yellow Stars of David, nationwide strikes were staged to protest the treatment of Jews, and the Church called for civil disobedience.

"The saddest and most thought-provoking conclusion," the author said, "is that while the Catholic clergy of Holland protested more loudly, expressly and frequently against Jewish persecutions than the religious hierarchy of any other country, more Jews—some 110,000, or 76 per cent of all—were deported from Holland into death camps, more than anywhere else in the West."

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The profound aspects of religion don't daunt professor, Mrs. Stephanie McCormick, or Fisher students from exploring the subject further in an after-class discussion.

Theology from a Woman? Two on Faculty at St. John Fisher College



Mr. and Mrs. William Walker are a theological team at St. John Fisher College — perhaps the only couple of its kind in the nation.

The young men at St. John Fisher are learning their theology these days from two women.

The distant theologians are evidence that the Church admits women's place is no longer just in the home — although these two feminine divines are expert there too.

Basiliann Esther Peter E. Sheehan, head of Fisher's theology department, said the recent appointments of Mrs. Angel Walker and Mrs. Stephanie McCormick is part of the College's continuing effort "to implement the aggiornamento of the Vatican Council."

An earlier step in this same direction at Fisher was the appointment last autumn of Mrs. McCormick.

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