

Bishop Kearney at Cathedral, May 29, at 11 a.m.

# Vatican Council Jubilee Mass Sunday



POPE PAUL from Rome . . .

Pope Paul, at the close of the Vatican Council last December, entrusted the world's Catholic bishops with the task of translating its decisions into action in their own dioceses.

To dramatize this work, the Pope designated 1966 as a Jubilee Year — a time for prayer, study and action.

To indicate that the translation work is already well under way in the Rochester Diocese — but that still more needs to be done — Bishop Kearney will celebrate a Council Jubilee Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 29, at 11 a.m.

The date recalls Pope John's hope that the Council would be "a new Pentecost" for the Catholic Church.

Catholics of the Diocese are invited to the Bishop's Mass at the Cathedral this Sunday or to visit other churches designated by diocesan officials to pray for the implementation of the Council's decrees.

In addition to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, the following diocesan churches have been designated as Jubilee churches:

Auburn: St. Mary's; Corning—St. Mary's; Elmira: SS. Peter and Paul; Geneva: St. Francis de Sales; Ithaca: Immaculate Conception; Lima: St. Rose; Newark: St. Michael's; Seneca Falls: St. Patrick's, and Owego: St. Patrick.

Pope Paul has granted special indulgences to all who take part in this spiritual aspect of the Jubilee observance. The article below by Father Robert McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty explains details of this aspect of the Jubilee.

A study of the Council's decrees is also recommended. "The Documents of Vatican II" a 95 cent paperback volume available at religious goods and general book stores contains the texts of the Council as also explanatory articles about the decrees.

In its four years of autumn sessions the Council issued 16 decrees putting the ancient faith into a present day context. Range of subjects covered by the Council goes from the profound theological Constitution on the Church to the down-to-earth Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the World of Today.

Most of the Council's decrees call for far closer collaboration and "dialogue" between clergy and laity. This theme was emphasized recently by London's Cardinal John Heenan who said:

"A new outlook on the faith has been decreed by the Vatican Council, and Catholic life will never be quite as it was before. It will be harder, but perhaps healthier. The Council has forced every Catholic to admit his own responsibility for the work of the Church. This action of the Council is far more important than any of its regulations on liturgy or ecumenism. . . . The 'Why doesn't the Church . . . ?' Catholic has had his day. The honeymoon time of idle criticism is over. Catholics must now prove themselves by deeds. The holy people of God are summoned to the task of spreading the Gospel. The 'people of God' means you and me, and every priest and layman in the world. The Council insists that we are the Church. That, essentially, is the message of the Council. The time for talking is over. The Church now wants to see us set to work."



BISHOP KEARNEY . . . to home

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### 16 New Priests For Diocese

Bishop Kearney will ordain 16 young men to the priesthood at Sacred Heart Cathedral Saturday, June 4, at 10 a.m.

The 16 constitute one of the largest groups to be ordained in diocesan history.

All are graduates of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and will receive assignment later in June to serve in parishes of the Rochester Diocese.

Besides the 16 to be ordained at the Rochester Cathedral, 14 other members of the 1966 St. Bernard's graduating class have already been ordained for other dioceses—11 for the Syracuse diocese, one for the Savannah diocese and two for Da Nang, Vietnam.

Pictures, schedule of first solemn Masses and biographical details of the new Rochester Diocese priests are on pages two and three of this week's Courier.

## Jubilee Year's Focus on Home, not Rome

By FATHER ROBERT F. McNAMARA of St. Bernard's Seminary

On December 7, 1965, the day before the close of Vatican Council II, Pope Paul VI announced there would be a worldwide jubilee to follow it up. The jubilee observance will begin in the Diocese of Rochester on Pentecost Sunday, May 29.

The proclamation of a papal jubilee was nothing new. Popes have been doing it for over six centuries. But Paul VI in this case set a precedent. He proclaimed the 1966 jubilee in an entirely new manner — one fully in keeping with the spirit of Vatican II.

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Hitherto, papal jubilees have usually invited the faithful to visit the Pope. The jubilee of 1966 invites them to gather around their bishop. Hitherto, the popes have usually said: "Come make a pilgrimage to St. Peter's in the Eternal City." This time the Pope says: "Make a pilgrimage to your own cathedral church."

AND HOW does all this fit in with the mood and teachings of Vatican II? Two ways in particular.

In the first place, the Council underlined the authority that each local bishop, while under the Holy Father, and a member of the universal college of bishops, has in his own diocese over his own portion of the people of God.

Remember what the Council said in its Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church? "A diocese is that portion of God's people which is entrusted to a bishop to be shepherded by him with the cooperation of the presbytery. Adhering thus to its pastor and gathered together by him in the Holy Spirit through the gospel and the Eucharist, this portion constitutes a particular church in which the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church of Christ is truly present and operative" (#11).

In the second place, the new jubilee approach focuses on the cathedral church of each diocese as the image of the whole body of the faithful united to



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### Ecumenical Rite Held At Auburn

One change resulting from the Vatican Council is authorization for Catholics to join Christians of other denominations in religious service, particularly in prayer for unity. One such rite was held recently at St. Mary's Church, Auburn. Procession of clergy representing several Auburn churches is shown as it was about to enter church which was filled to capacity.

Christ. In his letter on the jubilee, "Mirificus Eventus" ("The Marvelous Event"), Paul has dwelt especially on this symbolism. If the cathedral is the focal point of the diocese, the bishop's chair in that cathedral bespeaks the unity of holy

orders, of authority, of correct doctrine proclaimed therefrom in union with the pope and the body of bishops throughout the world.

In its dogmatic constitution on the Church, the Council had

declared: "In any community existing around an altar, under the sacred ministry of the bishop, there is manifested a symbol of that charity and 'unity of the Mystical Body, without which there is no salvation'" (#26). It is on the basis of

this stirring thought that Paul prescribes one of the main features of the jubilee observance: the bishop's solemn celebration of Mass in his cathedral church, surrounded by his priests and faithful who have flocked to (Continued on Page 2)

### Memorial Day Mass For Vietnam Victims

Mass and prayers will be offered for those who have given their lives for the nation in the Vietnam war Monday, Memorial Day, May 30, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Father John F. Albert, a priest of the Rochester Diocese who holds the rank of Colonel as chaplain in the U.S. Air Force, will give the sermon.

President Johnson, in a holiday proclamation, asked Americans of all religious faiths, to set aside Memorial Day, particularly the 11 o'clock hour, as a time of prayer for peace and in gratitude to all who have given their lives in the defense of our country.

### People of Diocese Invited to Join Bishop in Feast Day Radio Rosary



My dear People:

When the Vicar of Christ, Pope Paul VI, issued his famous encyclical on World Peace, he asked that in our prayers, the Rosary of Our Lady should have a special place.

Tuesday evening at seven o'clock, on the feast of the Queen of Peace, I shall pray the Rosary over the air waves.

Since my prayers can be heard in every home in the diocese, I ask you to join me in this prayer for world peace. Surely the urgency of the hour demands an increase in the intensity of our supplication for the help of the Virgin Mary.

The month of Mary closes on this evening, May 31. What a magnificent closing if her Rosary ascends from every heart and home.

JAMES E. KEARNEY  
Bishop of Rochester

The Bishop's broadcast of the Rosary will be heard Tuesday at 7 p.m. on station WSAJ in Rochester, WMBO-FM in Auburn, TV Channel 8 in Elmira; Channel 5 in Hornell, and at 88.75 mc in Corning. During the broadcast, hymns to our Lady will be sung by Miss Helen Conway with harp accompaniment by Miss Alice Conway.

### Churchmen Repeat Fair Housing Plea

Washington —(RNS)— Representatives of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish agencies appeared before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights, urging strong Congressional action to assure that fair housing standards would be put into operation in the U.S.

For the third time in as many years, spokesmen for the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Synagogue Council of America teamed to give unequivocal support to Administration-proposed legislation.

Besides support of the Civil Rights Bill of 1966, the churchmen offered some suggestions for improving it, particularly in the realm of housing and in assuring fair jury selection.

The bill, seen as the most comprehensive civil rights bill yet, was labeled legislation that is "morally right," by Father John F. Cronin, assistant director of the NCWC's Social Action Department, and the group's spokesman. He was accompanied by Dr. Benjamin F. Payton, executive director of the NCC's Commission on Religion and Race, and Rabbi Richard Hirsch, representing

Synagogue Council's Commission on Religion and Race.

He said that justice demands that law safeguard the person and property of all citizens. Where it does not, and where laws of the past have weaknesses, steps must be taken by Congress, the priest said.

"... Housing discrimination," he added, "is a pernicious form of racial injustice. So long as it persists, it will be extremely difficult to reap the full fruits of our struggle against discrimination in the areas of education and employment."

Ghettoized housing, in the slum areas perpetuates poverty and ignorance, he said, continuing:

"It is the costliest possible type of housing; costly in the crushing financial burden which it places on those who pay so much for so little; and costly to the community in the overwhelming burden of social services, police, protection, and human resources.

"Nor is it socially healthy that those who rise from poverty and who can rent or purchase better housing, must still live in isolated ghettos merely because of race.

"Neither white nor Negro citizen profit from the artificial compartmentalization of our society imposed by segregated homes and schools. Inevitable barriers of misunderstanding and prejudice must arise when such arbitrary divisions are enforced."

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