

# Diocese Awaits Arrival of New Bishop



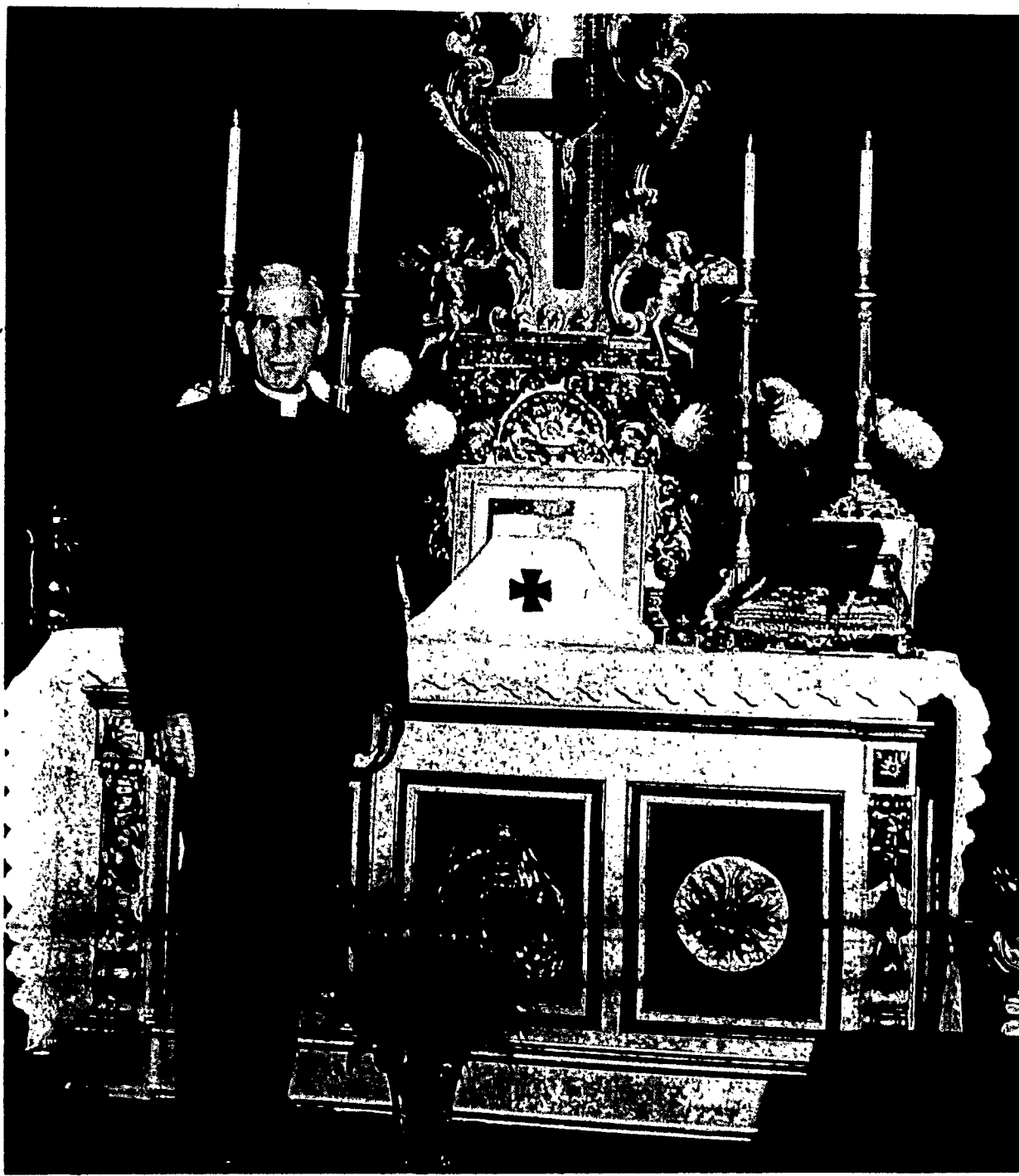
Priests who will celebrate Mass with Bishop Sheen following his installation as the new Bishop of Rochester next Thursday rehearsed their part in the rite this past week. Standing in for the Bishop was Father Michael Murphy of St. Charles Bor-



romeo parish, Greece. He will surrender the Bishop's throne to take up his duties as traffic coordinator on the day of the installation. Father James Moynihan guided the priests in the rehearsal. Priests at the altar include Atonement Father



Eamon Fitzgerald, Father John Merklinger, Father Murphy, Father Daniel Brent and Father Robert Miller. Center photo shows "kiss of peace" Bishop Sheen will give to representatives of priests, religious and laity of the Diocese.



Bishop Sheen at the altar in his chapel in New York City. He will leave there Wednesday noon to arrive by plane at Rochester's airport at 2:38 p.m. to take up his duties as new Bishop of the Rochester Diocese.

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### Installation Rite Next Thursday Noon

Like the night before Christmas when everything, according to the poem, is in its proper place awaiting the arrival of that evening's distinguished visitor — so the Diocese of Rochester is just about ready to welcome its new and distinguished Bishop.

Not all items are yet in their proper places, it is true, but there is still time to knit up the few loose ends for this coming week's historic and dramatic events.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen is scheduled to arrive Wednesday at 2:38 p.m. at Rochester-Monroe County Airport.

He said he doesn't want his arrival to be staged like a triumphal entry — so ceremonies are expected to be muted. But, really, how can so famous a prelate as Bishop Sheen just slip into the city without some special attention?

Religious and civic officials will be there — and undoubtedly a sizeable cross-section of the area's citizenry anxious to catch an early glimpse of the man they've so often seen on television.

He will present his credentials — official documents sent him from the Vatican — to diocesan officials at the Chancery and thereby technically take over the twelve county Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

The police-escorted route from the airport to the Chancery will be Brooks Avenue to Genesee Park Blvd. to Chill Avenue to Main Street to East Avenue to Chestnut St.

Bishop Sheen will then be not just at his new office but also at home — because he's going to live at the Columbus Civic Center building, two floors below the fourth floor Chancery.

Thursday, December 15th, will be the festive day of formal installation.

Cardinal Spellman is scheduled to fly in that morning from New York City to preside at the solemn rite at high noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Nearly two score of bishops, hundreds of priests, religious and lay people will fill the Cathedral for the colorful ceremonies.

Clergy of other religious denominations, led by Bishop George W. Barrett of the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, will attend the installation rite, the first time such representatives have formally attended a ceremony at the Cathedral.

Television stations WHEC-TV, Channel 10, and WOKR-TV, Channel 13, will carry the rites to thousands of others in their homes. Both channels will begin their telecasts at 12 noon and continue to the ceremonies close about an hour and a half later.

A luncheon will follow at the Manger Hotel.

The civic welcome to Bishop Sheen will be held that same evening at Rochester's Community War Memorial at 8 p.m.

For this event there are no tickets and no reserved seats. The Memorial's doors will open at 6 p.m.

The program there will begin with an invocation by Bishop Barrett, the National Anthem by the Aquinas Institute band, a word of greeting from spokesmen for the Protestant and Jewish people, a welcome by Mayor Frank Lamb and an introduction by Bishop Kearney.

Bishop Sheen will then reply, his second major talk of the day.

The War Memorial program will also be telecast, by WHEC-TV, with video tape recorded excerpts of the noon rite at the Cathedral.

When Thursday ends, the Rochester Diocese will, most assuredly, have fulfilled its tradition of graciousness and dignity to welcome its new Bishop.

### A Report on the Courier's Summer Survey

## No Longer Any Straitjacketed Thinking

By MONICA REEVES

Last August the Courier published a questionnaire on the changes in the Church that had been sent to the pastors of the Diocese. The response was overwhelming.

Many people indicated that they were grateful for the opportunity to comment on this topic much in the minds of both Catholics and Non-Catholics alike. Many not only circled the answer which most closely indicated their feeling on the subject, but wrote letters varying in length from a few lines to 7 or 8 pages.

It would be impossible to tabulate completely the thoughts expressed and the stands taken. One can only point out general trends of thought,

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indicating the topics which seem to be of the utmost concern to the Catholics of the Rochester Diocese.

Of course, the validity of any such a presentation must be decided upon with two important qualifications taken into consideration — those who usually respond to an opportunity to express themselves are generally the dissenters from the status quo. And secondly, some views may have changed as the bishops take stands on issues such as they did at their recent meeting in Washington. However, at the risk of putting forth the always precarious generalization, much can be concluded concerning the aggiornamento climate of the Rochester Diocese.

In general, most people who responded to the questionnaire fell into three broad categories — the reactionaries; those who are willing to follow the church's teachings regardless of what they are; and the progressives, who are enthusiastic about the changes and are seeking ways to implement them.

Fear of many things formed the basis for much of the comment among the reactionary element.

Among this group are those who feel that the changes in the church has "Protestantized" Catholicism. A Dansville woman spoke for many when she asked, "If ours has always been and still is the true faith, why do we have to make compromises?"

Often times, details of new liturgy are the basis for such a question. The congregational singing at Mass, the use of the vernacular and the modern architecture now being employed in many of the new churches also presents a problem for a number in this category. Converts especially are concerned with the fact that the Mass is no longer "reverent, quiet and peaceful." One reader called for a "little more pomp, please!" Many think the changes indicate that the Church is now "putting Catholics and Non-Catholics on the same footing."

One Rochester Catholic sees

liturgical changes as an attempt to "placate the younger generation to keep them in the Church."

An accusation of Communist infiltration came from an Auburn "Catholic Holy Family."

One reader drew an interesting analogy — "Going to Mass now is a little like television: one just gets interested and a commercial comes on. One just starts to talk to the Lord and we are told to stand and sing."

Some feel that the absence of emphasis on novenas, devotion to the saints and Gregorian chant has caused them to "lose interest in attending church services at all."

THE USUAL theory that the young are generally more receptive to changes than old obviously does not apply to changes in the Church, if the replies to the questionnaire are any criteria. One 16 year old's statement, "I used to enjoy going to Mass — now I couldn't care less!" expressed the sentiment of a number of readers who identified themselves as under 20. One 52 year old who attends a student church undertook to point out that, "I'll never understand why the Newman chaplains think all college students like this new deal. I've talked to a great many of them who refuse to take part in it."

On the other hand, a number of people over 65 feel the way one 85-year old Rochesterian does, "I vote for a complete change of the old forms of worship — our Diocese is way behind."

Lack of quality in the liturgy and "lack of uniformity" and (Continued on Page 2)

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### NEXT WEEK

A special tabloid section of the Courier with official full color portrait of Bishop Sheen plus pictures and stories of the life and accomplishments of the noted prelate.



Altar breads, wine and water will be brought to the altar for Bishop Sheen's installation Mass by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fitzpatrick.

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### Supervisor's Tribute To Bishop Kearney

Monroe County Board of Supervisors at its recent meeting unanimously voted its gratitude to Bishop Kearney "for his contributions to the well-being of the community and his fellow man."

The resolution, introduced by 9th Ward Supervisor Robert Neilon, cited the Bishop on the occasion of his retirement for his "high quality of leadership and participation in all phases of our cultural, educational and civic life" and said his "wisdom, humor, compassion and kindness have touched the lives of everyone and enriched the community immeasurably."