

## You are ... the Very First

By ROBERT SMETT

The contingent from the *Courier Journal* that flew to New York on Oct. 26 to greet the newly appointed Bishop of Rochester quickly had the wind blown out of its sails.

"We thought we were the first to welcome Bishop Sheen to the Genesee Valley, but were told we had run a close second."

Rochesterian Dan Morgan beat them to it. He was making an early call at New York's CBS Broadcasting Studios on the morning the news broke of Bishop Sheen's appointment as Bishop of Rochester.

He called the office of the Propagation of the Faith to congratulate the new Bishop and was invited by Bishop Sheen's secretary, Father Vincent Nugent, to attend a 9 o'clock news conference.

In less than an hour he found himself on the doorstep of Cardinal Spellman's residence on famed Madison Avenue.

"The door chimed sounded all the world like the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral," Morgan said.

Morgan, as vice president in charge of public affairs for the Notre Dame Retreat League, was instrumental in bringing the Bishop Sheen TV series to Rochester in 1962.

Now he was about to meet the famous churchman in person.

The Cardinal's living room was filled with newsmen, TV cameras, microphones and radio paraphernalia.

Beneath a portrait of Pope Paul, Morgan saw Cardinal Spellman and Bishop Sheen standing together answering the newsmen's questions.

A young priest led him to the Bishop and introduced him as "Mister Dan Morgan of Rochester."

The Bishop quickly put out his hand to Morgan. "You are the first—the very first!" he said.

The new Shepherd met his first "sheep."

A former local TV personality, Morgan is national advisor for public affairs and



Dan Morgan

TV for Pop Warner Junior League Football.

Still connected with the family firm, Morgan Jewelers, he recently appeared for American Tobacco Company on the Milton Berle Show—a one-time TV rating rival of Bishop Sheen.

At the War Memorial last evening thousands of Rochesterians greeted their new Bishop, but Dan Morgan beat us all to the punch—he was "the first."

Robert Smett is news editor of the *Courier*.

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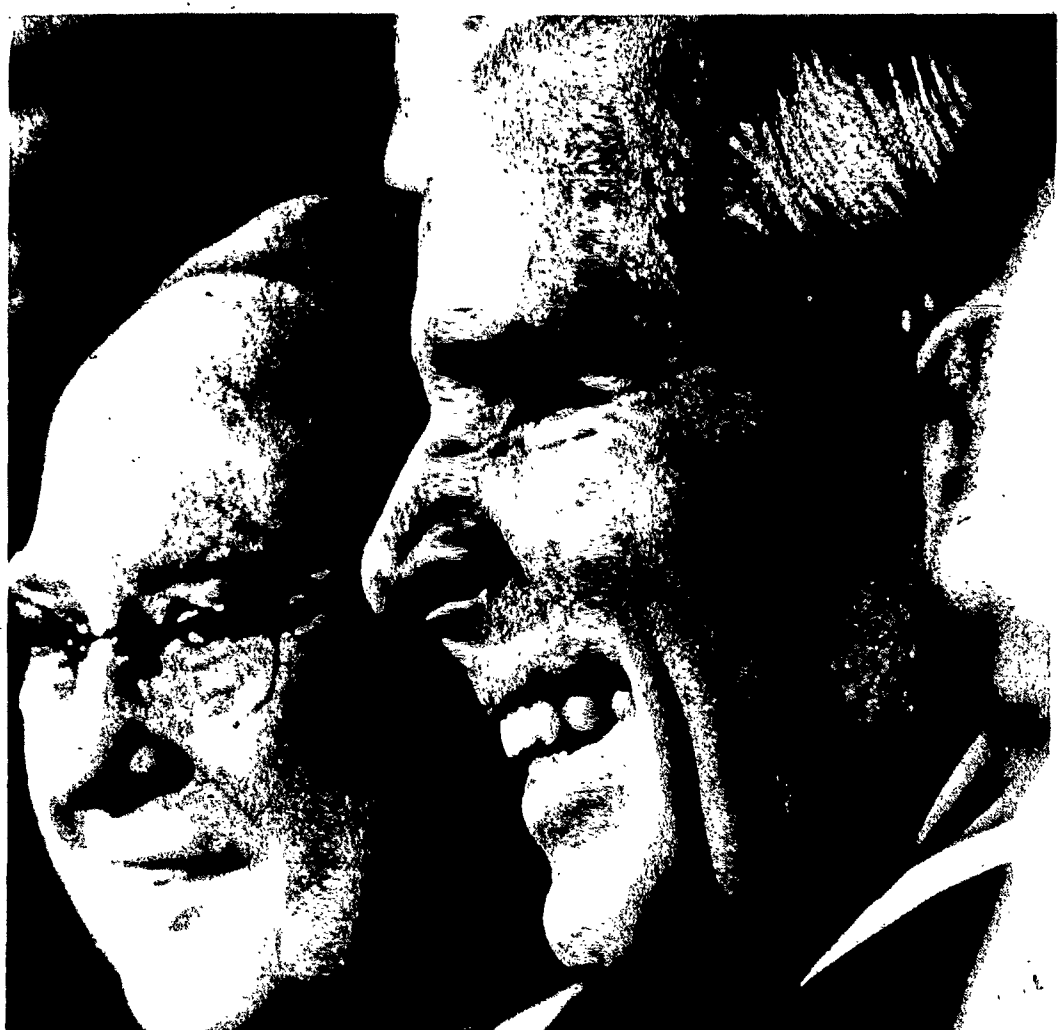
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Cardinal Spellman with Bishop Sheen at news conference announcing appointment of the new Bishop of Rochester.

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The Bishop of Rochester greets the Bishop of the Eternal City.

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