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from the People
of Brighton

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The Prayers
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of

HOLY ROSARY PARISH
Rochester, N. Y.

Express the joy that is in
Our Hearts

Your Excellency BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN . . .

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THE GRINNELL'S
THE MOLL'S
THE PEER'S
THE WALDERT'S

Rejoice in one Gleeful Voice with

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Our Warmest Best Wishes Go Out to You as Bishop of Rochester.

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- ★ GRINNELL TRAVEL
- ★ BERNARD HELD FURS
- ★ HARPER METHOD BEAUTY
- ★ WALDERT OPTICIANS

Congratulations
to The Diocese of Rochester
on the great distinction
bestowed upon it by the
appointment of
Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen
as its Bishop

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Heartiest Congratulation

and all our

Prayers

on the day of your

Installation

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CHURCH of

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Rochester, New York



Bishop Sheen ordains a young missionary.

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and has blessed each graduating class is it has left the College campus.

Between the opening of each academic year and its Commencement many and varied activities, some religious, some social, occurred. Bishop Kearney graced almost all of them with his presence. Over the years, the students soon learned to anticipate his coming for dinner when the social rooms and the dining rooms are filled with beauty, laughter and song, suggesting the quintessence of youthful gaiety when afternoon frocks and high heels replaced the usual casual dress as the students prepared for an evening of fun. These were occasions when many delightful and lasting friendships were formed.

It may be of interest here to note that several students, not of the Rochester Diocese, thought of Bishop Kearney as "their" Bishop and many told of substituting his name in the Mass memento for Bishops. To them he was and is their very indulgent Father. If an extended interval occurred between his visits, some few managed to get in touch with him to remind him to come to dinner. His holiday-giving is now almost a highlight of the curriculum, and the wit and poetry he has spun in pretending that Popes living or dead have ordered these holidays have been as delightful as the free day itself.

Often when the Bishop was a dinner guest at the College, he would open the conversation with, "Now, good digestion wait on appetite," and then ask the students to identify the author and to complete the quotation. Rarely was it completed, but once, when to the delight of all, Miss Mary Blackcloud, a young Sioux Indian, gave the ready response, "And health on both" by William Shakespeare, the dining room echoed with laughter.

This was decidedly coincidental, for the Bishop had just returned from the Dakotas where he had been made an Indian Chief by the Sioux tribe, so Nazareth discovered that it is indeed unique in having an Indian and an Indian Chief of the same tribe. Incidents of this kind occurred frequently.

The Glee Club at Nazareth has developed greatly over the years due in part to the Bishop's interest and appreciation of good music and his encouragement of the students. The "Bernadettes," a group of Seniors, have become a special project for him and they have appeared at his request on various occasions. They are an "exclusive group" which he has named, arranged music for, entertained at Christmas time and recognized as his own. Because of the Bishop's deep interest in music, he learned to know best some of the music majors

whose careers he has followed with personal interest through the years.

What of the Alumnae, a group now numbering well over three thousand? This might be a volume in itself, for from his first years, Bishop Kearney has identified himself with their activities, offered Mass for them, attended their Communion Breakfasts, their annual banquets which he has particularly encouraged until this event highlights the year. He has attended their chapter meetings, officiated at the weddings of many, blessed their children, and kept in touch with some as far away as California. His encouragement has been a kind of cement which binds them together.

To illustrate this, one example only will suffice. When the Bishop was ill at St. Mary's Hospital some years ago, the Alumnae had a Nazareth College ring, (a symbol of "friendship" exclusively reserved for Nazareth College Alumnae) embedded in a crystal cube, set triangularly on a small mahogany base, sent to him, thus enclosing him in this esoteric, exclusively College "Ring of Friendship." So the Bishop is identified with Nazareth College of Rochester by virtue of his adoption, a really fine tribute from impulsive youth, which with unexpected perception recognizes true worth and treasured friends.

Many places on campus are marked with reminders of Bishop Kearney's personal interest. When Alma Mater Chapel was arranged, the Bishop gave, blessed, and erected the Stations of the Cross, had an exquisite painting of Our Lady done in New York for the altar piece, gave a set of lovely gold vases for the altar, a gold tabernacle veil, an antependium selected and arranged for by him, as well as a hand-carved Pieta and a precious antique monstrance from Europe.

The Library's alabaster bust of Dante and several beautifully bound books attest to his continued interest and concern for its growth and redevelopment. Every residence hall has known some token of his thoughtfulness. These are only some of the tangible gifts. What of the intangible? Who can measure the power of a Father's prayers?

Nazareth College in turn has loved and revered Bishop Kearney as Churchman, as Father and Friend, and as a true Shepherd in Christ. It has named its largest residence hall in his honor and has deeply appreciated his interest in the College's continuous growth from a registration of 230 in the Bishop's first year here to the 1966 number of 1,200. To a cherished Friend, then, to a great Churchman, and to a splendid example of upper-echelon living, Nazareth College of Rochester says to Bishop Kearney, "Ad Beatos Annos."