

# New Bishops Make It Four Produced by Holy Rosary

By MONICA REEVES

When the first electric streetcar appeared in Rochester and Eastman Kodak was in the making, a small, shed-like structure for Catholic worship arose on the corners of Row and Finch Streets in the 10th Ward. The first Holy Rosary Church had few parishioners, no resident pastor and no school.

Today, 70 years later, Holy Rosary parish is able to boast of prosperity and prominence — and four bishops.

For this bustling parish, now on Lexington Ave., has been the training ground for four priests who have gone on to receive the fullness of the priesthood and the bishop's crozier: Bishops Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson and now Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty. In addition, the parish has seen a long succession of devout, hardworking priests in the pastoral post.

Father Arthur Hughes, pastor from 1914 until his death in 1932, was an early example of such dedication. It was through his foresight that the present structure, a Spanish mission church, was built in 1916. The intriguing Southwestern flavor of the church, with its red tile roof and cloister walk, was a result of an extensive study of the Spanish missions of the West Coast.

After 38 years in the priesthood and 18 years in the service of Holy Rosary, Father Hughes was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Monsignor in 1932. The Holy Father's recognition of the priest's accomplishments was most appropriate, for death came to Father Hughes exactly one month later, on March 13.

That June, Father Walter Foery was appointed pastor of Holy Rosary and given the task of following in the footsteps of the popular Father Hughes.

Mrs. Fred Eilers of Lexington Ave., a Holy Rosary parishioner for 70 years, remembers Father Foery as "a wonderful speaker — with that special touch of humor that made him so popular, and he always insisted on taking all the sick calls — even when he could have sent an assistant."

Frank R. Davis of Lake View Park who came to Holy Rosary with his new bride back in 1920, remembers Father Foery's administrative ability and his concern for the school children. Mr. Davis particularly recalls the popular boys' band that Father Foery organized while pastor.

It was this same band that bid farewell to Father Foery at the New York Central Station when he left to assume the post of Bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse in August 1937.

When pressed for a statement by the newspapers the new Bishop Foery characteristically said, "I know nothing about being a bishop. This is something, you know, that one only does once."

After extinguishing the sanctuary lamp of the old St. Patrick's Cathedral, that had lighted the church since 1868, and locking the doors for the last time, Monsignor Charles Shay moved from St. Patrick's to Holy Rosary in September of 1937 to fill the pastoral post left vacant by Bishop Foery's departure.

## "The Eucharistic Parish"

During Monsignor Shay's pastorate of 28 years, Holy Rosary became known as the "Eucharistic Parish" of the diocese due to his continual promotion of retreats, Forty Hours and Communion Sundays.

## Inter-Faith Understanding Top Project in CCW

Ecumenical activity has taken a new priority in the activities of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) in the Rochester diocese.

Through its Church Communities commission, the diocesan women's group has been promoting "Living Room Dialogue" groups, has encouraged Catholic women to join with Protestant women in the March 1 "World Day of Prayer," and is now exploring a plan for Jewish-Catholic dialogue in the Rochester area.

These activities were announced recently by Miss Josephine Fitzgerald of Hornell, president of the CCW in the diocese. She discussed them in explaining the new five-part structure of the group, which is following the lead of the National Council of Catholic Women in this regard.

"Ecumenical activity comes within the scope of our Church Communities commission," Miss Fitzgerald noted. This division covers several areas of Catholic life revolving around the parish concept. It includes scripture and liturgy study and programs, she added.

CCW members pioneered in establishing a number of Living Room Dialogue groups in 1966. A typical one was set up by Catholic couples from St. John the Evangelist Church in Greece and Episcopalian couples from Trinity Episcopal Church, also in Greece. The two groups completed the "Living Room Dialogue—1" and have now embarked on the second series.

Encouraged by CCW leadership in ecumenism, Catholic women in Clyde recently set a precedent by joining ladies from several Protestant denominations in the annual "World Day of Prayer." The event took place at the Clyde Presbyterian Church on March 1.

The Clyde gathering heard Mrs. David Sheldon, wife of the pastor of Clyde's Federated Church, speak on "Bear One Another's Burdens."

In Rochester, The Council of Catholic Women helped sponsor The President's Lecture Series at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Two members of the CCW, Mrs. Ronald Gledhill and Mrs. Benjamin E. Wunder now serve on the steering committee for that series.

The Church Communities commission is planning for future Jewish-



Frank Davis, a member of Holy Rosary parish since 1920, stands in front of the Lexington Ave. church.

Photo by Judith Steinhauser

Mr. Davis also reports that it was under the direction of Monsignor Shay that the Monday night recitation of the rosary by the men of the parish was inaugurated — six months



MONSIGNOR CHARLES SHAY

before Father Joseph Cirincione began the Radio Rosary for Peace.

A native son that Holy Rosary can claim with special pride is Bishop Casey, former Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester and presently Bishop of Paterson, New Jersey. Bishop Casey was baptized at Holy Rosary in 1905, graduated from the parish school in 1919 and said his first Mass in the Spanish Church in 1930.

Mrs. Eilers remembers "that Casey boy" of Selye Terrace serving weekday Mass in impeccable Latin.

## A Reason for Pride

Holy Rosary parish had special reason to be proud at the announcement of Rochester's two new Auxiliary Bishops January 10. For once again, two priests who were associated with the parish received special recognition for their achievements.

Bishops Dennis Hickey and John McCafferty, consecrated this week, served at Holy Rosary.

While working at the Diocesan

Marriage Tribunal, the then-Monsignor Hickey lived at Holy Rosary rectory for 10 years, serving as weekend assistant, hearing confessions, saying Mass and preaching occasionally.

Bishop McCafferty came as Holy Rosary's new pastor in October, 1965, a post he continues to hold.

Actually, claims Mrs. Eilers, "No one was very surprised at the appointment of the pair as bishops. We all knew that they both deserved such an honor." Mrs. Eilers went on to add that at the time of the then-Monsignor McCafferty's arrival at Holy Rosary in 1965, she had welcomed her new pastor but told him that "I don't expect you'll be here very long." The puzzled newcomer asked why, to which Mrs. Eilers prophetically replied, "Oh I'm sure you'll be a bishop before long."

Of Bishop Hickey Mr. Davis says, "Everybody loved him. He was especially noted for his confessional talks. To my way of thinking, he's the ideal priest."

## A Resurgence

Innovation and progress have marked the pastoral term of Bishop McCafferty at Holy Rosary. In the spirit of Vatican II, he has opened the windows of the parish to fruitful change. The parish organizations have experienced a resurgence, broadening their apostolates in assuming a more active role in parish life.

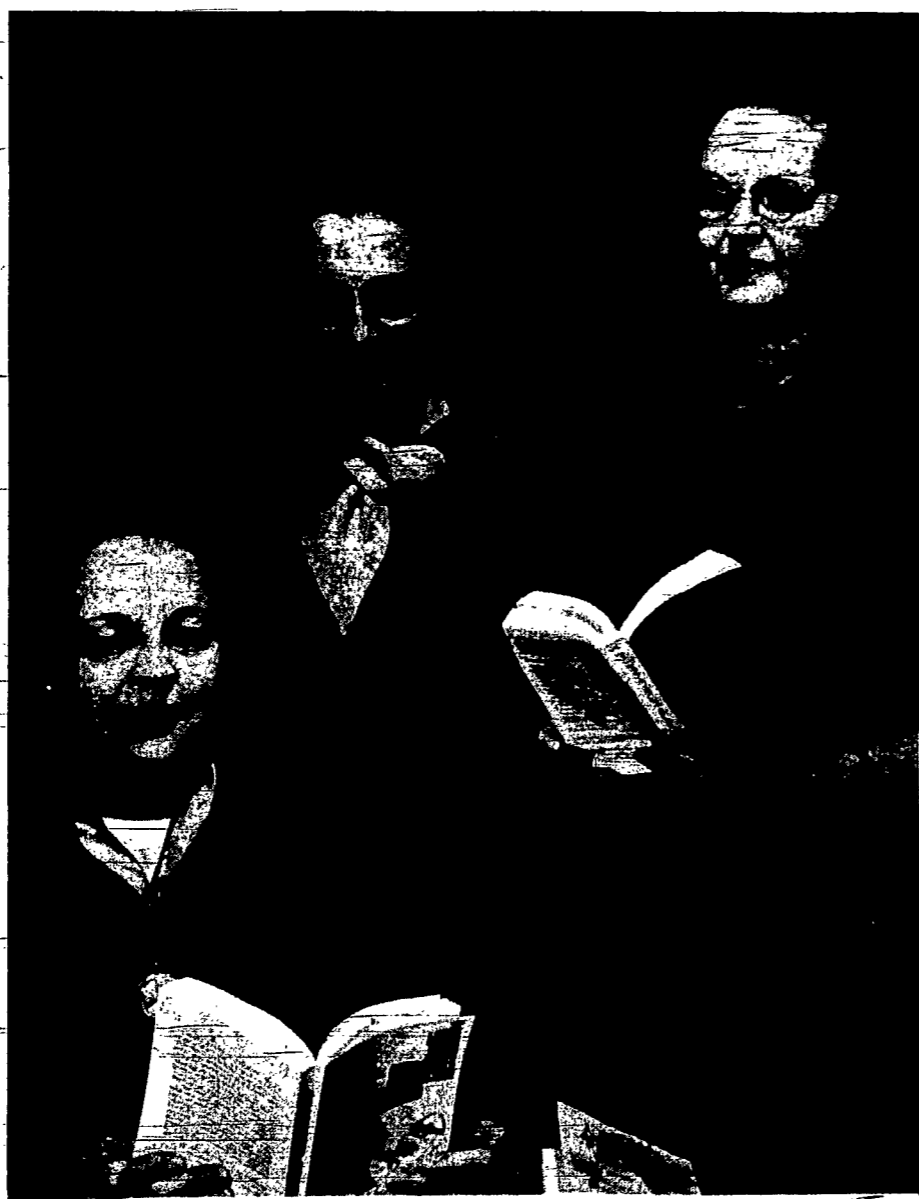
In an attempt to foster such a growth, Bishop McCafferty had a Legion of Mary center built on Orleto St. behind the church. And he has revived that old custom, dying out in many city churches, of standing out in front of church after Sunday Masses to greet his parishioners.

Without a doubt, the parishioners of Holy Rosary have good reason to be proud of their contribution to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church in the United States.

These modest Bishops would probably admit that much of their character and experience which the Holy Father feels fit them to assume the episcopal role, is a result of living and working with the people of Holy Rosary parish.

Catholic dialogue in Rochester. Mrs. Daniel Kennedy of St. Thomas More Church, representing Catholic women, will meet in May with Mrs. Harry L. Tepperman of Temple B'rith Kodesh, representing Jewish women, to map out this program.

Future articles in the Courier-Journal will detail other activities of the Council of Catholic Women in the areas of family life, international and community affairs and organization services.



An agenda for "Living Room Dialogue II" is put together by the women who guided this ecumenical venture through its first phase. From the left are Miss Josephine Fitzgerald, president of the Council of Catholic Women; Mrs. Karl Foestein, ecumenical committee chairman for the United Church Women, and Mrs. George Kerchum, chairman of the Church Communities Commission.

## New Bishops Offer Masses

The newly consecrated Auxiliary Bishops of the Rochester Diocese, Bishops Hickey and McCafferty, will both celebrate their first Pontifical Masses March 17.

Bishop Hickey will offer a 12:30 p.m. Mass at St. Theodore's Church in Gates with Monsignor Ernest Murphy, pastor of Holy Apostles Church, preaching. The St. Bernard's Seminary Choir will sing. A crowd of 500 is expected at a reception at the Party House immediately following Mass.

Bishop McCafferty will celebrate his first Pontifical Mass at 11 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church. A public reception will be held in the Holy Rosary School hall from 4 till 7 p.m.

## Mrs. Rose Randall Dies at 94; Burial in Newark, N.Y.

Mrs. Rose Randall, mother of Monsignor John S. Randall, died in St. Mary's Hospital March 10, aged 94 years, and was buried from St. Monica's Church on March 13.

A long time parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church, Mrs. Randall has recently been living at 495 Mendon Road. She is survived only by her priest-son who is the managing editor of the Courier-Journal and one nephew William Roche who resides in Florida.

Monsignor Randall celebrated the Requiem Mass at St. Monica's Church. Present in the sanctuary were Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson who gave the blessing at the conclusion of Mass and Bishop James E. Keane and Bishop-elect John E. McCafferty.

Burial was in Newark, N.Y. where the Randall family lived for many years.

## PAT ANSWERS

A quick-service reply for problems which the famous HELP! column cannot touch is offered in our new service: PAT ANSWERS. Don't ask PAT about matters of faith or morals. But write in on any subjects of parish life or church custom, on your hang-ups and concerns about living in this Family of God. Address "PAT ANSWERS, 35 Selco Street, Rochester, N.Y. 14604." PAT'S answers will not necessarily reflect the opinion or policy of the Editor, — or of the Diocese!

Q. What can be done to improve manners of drivers leaving their cars around the church? Blocking driveways, entrances, parking wherever they choose... You name it! Prompt announcements in our church don't seem to work. Comment, please.  
—Brighton Parishioner

A. Nothing we know will dent this selfish mentality. The St. Christopher medal on a car covers really big accident-prevention jobs, but doesn't protect us from these characters. Suggest your men's club could print a polite rebuke-notice and during Masses "ticket the guilty" by tucking the card under the wiper?

Q. Our good pastor has a thing on his mind. My wife insists he means 10% of my gross income. I can't do this and support her and five kids. Please do not use my name: I'm on the parish council.  
—Suburban Breadwinner

A. I won't use your name, if you don't show this to your pastor. Tithing in most places is 3% for the parish and 5% for other charities. Rigorists say "gross," but most pastors would settle for net. Hope I haven't passed the buck!

Q. We parents need advice on evaluating TV movies, especially the late ones. My teenagers think I'm a square but so many TV films aren't even fit for adults.  
—Worried Geneva Mother

A. Our TV Movie Guide for the networks now appears every week. We'll begin to include more out-of-Rochester channels soon. Have you thought

of turning the tube off when the scene gets blue?

Q. Will it ever be possible to fulfill our Sunday Mass duty on Saturdays instead?  
—Sunday Sleeper

A. The U.S. Bishops recently ruled that any individual Bishop could ask Rome for this very permission. It may be granted here for crowded summer areas where the chapels get jammed up on Sundays.

Q. My girl is worried about the church prices for our wedding this June. Has inflation touched the fees since her mother got married?  
—Worried Groom-to-be

A. The going rate in this diocese (set by the Pastoral Office) is \$15 for a Low Nuptial Mass, \$20 for a sung Nuptial Mass and \$15 for wedding without a Mass. Most parishes have additional fees for the organist. The whole day will be expensive, you'll discover.

Q. Do the good nuns who call you frequently for transportation (rides to their doctor, to another convent, etc.) realize most of us Catholic gals hate to say No, but wish they wouldn't call so often? Our parish has a car for them — but it's usually on the road.  
—Tired Taxi

A. After two or three "Sorry, Sister, but I just can't today..." we bet the message will get through. A parish society might form a car pool for the Sisters and have dispatchers handle the requests by rotation among a group of parishioners.

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