

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
TO OUR NEW BISHOPS

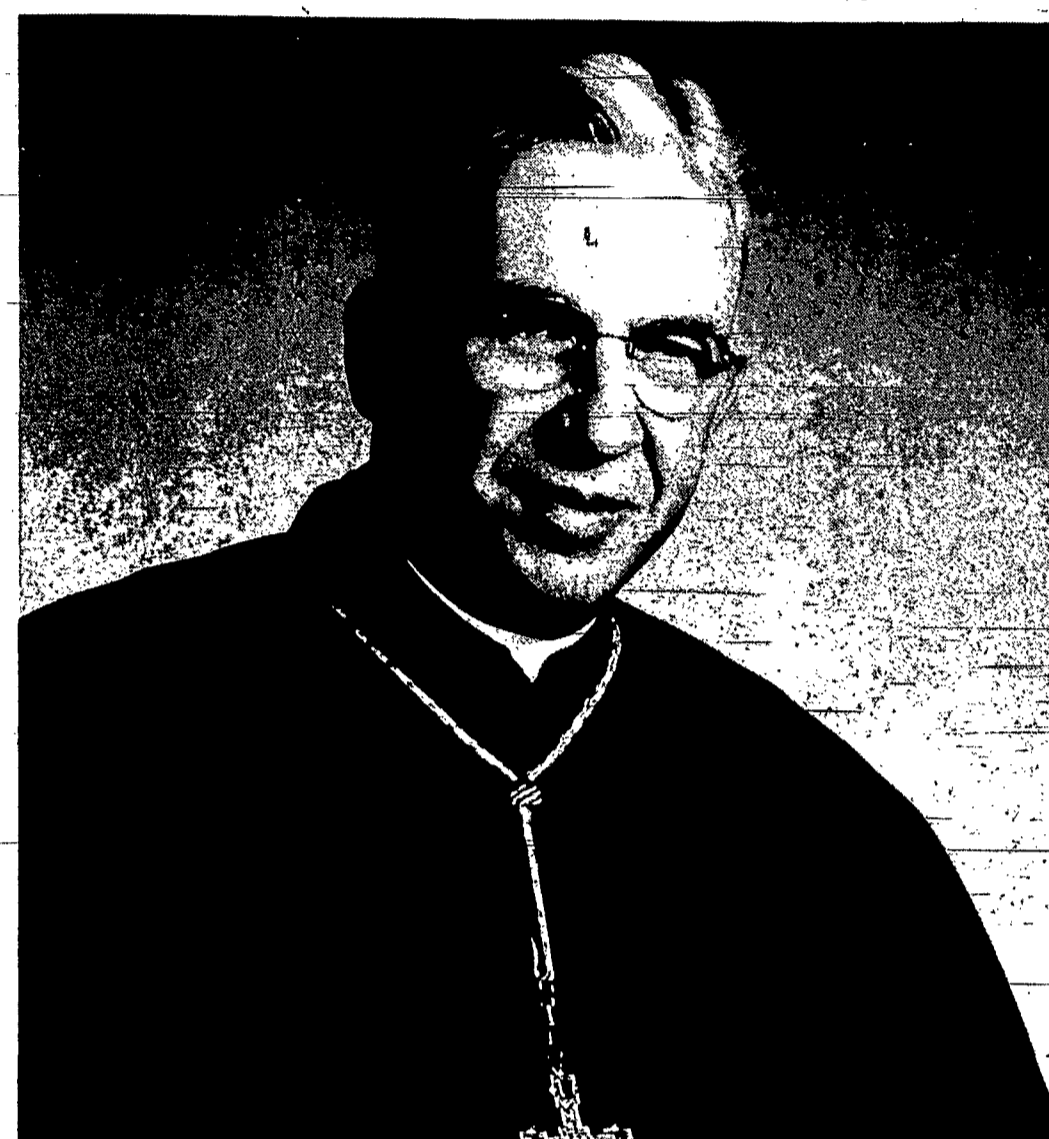
MOST REVEREND DENNIS W. HICKEY
MOST REVEREND JOHN E. McCAFFERTY

"Those who carry out their duties well
will earn a high standing for themselves.
And be rewarded with great assurance
in their work for the faith in Christ Jesus."

I Timothy 3 - 13

The Parishes of Western Monroe

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, BROCKPORT
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, SPENCERPORT
HOLY GHOST, TOWN OF GATES
ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION, SCOTTSVILLE
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, CHURCHVILLE
ST. PIUS THE TENTH, TOWN OF CHILI
ST. LEO, HILTON



Preacher for the Consecration

Bishop Laurence B. Casey, Bishop of Paterson, and former Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester (1953-1966) delivered the Homily at the Consecration ceremonies for Bishop Hickey and Bishop McCafferty. Ordained in the Rochester Diocese in 1930, he served here as chaplain, vice chancellor, secretary to three Bishops, pastor at Holy Cross Church and rector of the Cathedral. He was the first bishop consecrated in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, May 5, 1953.

Diocesan History

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Owing to the business depression current when Bishop Kearney first arrived in Rochester, and the war that followed it, the Bishop was prevented from undertaking much of a building program for the greater part of a decade. Between 1945 and 1965, however, he established 26 new parishes in the Diocese. Between 1950 and 1960, 26 new parish schools were opened.

In 1950, the Catholics of the Diocese built a new home for St. Andrew's Seminary; and in 1952 and 1960 they contributed to drives to extend the Catholic high school system in the Diocese. The last great drive under Rochester's fifth Bishop was the Joint College Fund of 1965. One of the beneficiaries of the drive was St. John Fisher College, which had opened in 1951 under the special patronage of Bishop Kearney.

Migration Growth

The multiplication of parishes and schools was a reflection of Diocesan growth — a census taken in 1965 represented the total Catholic population at 440,000. But the migration of city-dwellers into the suburbs often represented more of a displacement than an increase. It also gave rise to the growth of ghetto conditions in the city centers — almost the only place in which minority groups could find cheap housing.

During the end of Bishop Kearney's

regime, Diocesan institutions and Catholics were already trying to find some answers for the new inner-city crisis, which in Rochester was really serious.

Bishop Kearney attended the first month of the Second Vatican Council in October, 1962. His auxiliary bishop, Most Reverend Lawrence B. Casey — whose appointment he had secured in 1953 — represented him at the rest of the council's sessions. When the Council decreed the updating of the Church, the Bishop of Rochester loyally implemented the post-conciliar decrees.

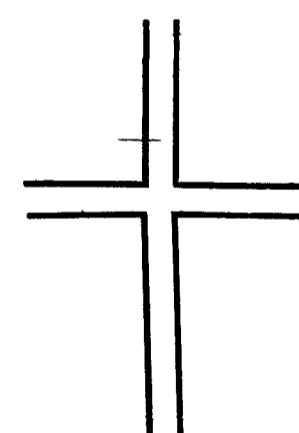
One of the new laws required that bishops of dioceses who had reached the age of 75 submit their resignations. Bishop Kearney did so in 1966. Pope Paul VI accepted the resignation and on October 21, 1966, named him Titular Bishop of Tabraca.

Thus ended an episcopal regime that had been especially noted for its stress on education, organized charity, catechetics, and popular religious devotions. Fortunately, Bishop Kearney chose to remain in Rochester, where he continues to be the chief "senior citizen" of the Diocese.

Bishop Sheen Installed

Bishop Kearney was succeeded by Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen. Eminent for years as a professor, writer, and lecturer on the platform and on radio

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