

Bishop Kearney Ordained the New Bishops



A rare event in church history — when a Bishop who has ordained a young man to the priesthood, later in life shares in his consecration as a Bishop — occurs today with double significance.

Bishop James E. Kearney, retired Bishop of Rochester, ordained both Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and Bishop John E. McCafferty. Today he shares with Archbishop Luigi Raimondi and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen the responsibility and joy of raising them to the honor of the Episcopacy.

Bishop Hickey was ordained to the priesthood in Sacred Heart Cathedral on June 7, 1941 and Bishop McCafferty on March 17, 1945 in the same church. Both received priesthood and the lower grades of Holy Orders from Bishop Kearney.

The new Rochester auxiliaries are two of the more than 200 priests of the Rochester Diocese and of 500 other priests in various dioceses of the East who have received Holy Orders from Bishop Kearney's hands.

Any Bishop is justly proud of the material expansion of his Diocese as the years unfold. Bishop Kearney looking back over 35 years as Bishop of the Church and 30 years as Shepherd of the Rochester Diocese has much to delight his memories in retirement.

But the effects of his role as an ordaining High Priest probably give him even deeper satisfaction.

His consciousness of the dignity and importance of the priesthood inspired Bishop Kearney's constant interest in the welfare of the seminaries under his care — St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's. Year after year as he welcomed incoming seminarians and each Spring presided at the ordination of the new priests ready to work with him in the diocese, he spared no efforts to maintain both the quantity and the quality of properly trained priests.

Today, in placing his hands on the heads of Bishop Hickey and McCafferty, as a co-consecrator he will say "Receive the Holy Spirit". He may remember that 27 and 23 years ago respectively, in this same sanctuary, he touched these same priestly heads bowed before him. But then, ordaining them as priest, he spoke no words as he imposed his hands. The fullness of the Holy Spirit has come to them today.

Bishop Hickey and Bishop McCafferty began their journey in the salvation of souls at the hands of Bishop Kearney. Today with his special presence still here to inspire them they ascend to a higher level of dignity and responsibility as Bishops in the diocese he worked so long to develop.

Helps Confer Fullness of Priesthood

Bishop Kearney, who ordained both Bishop McCafferty and Bishop Hickey, acted as co-consecrator for their elevation to the episcopacy.



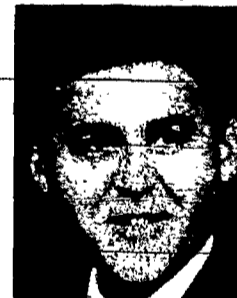
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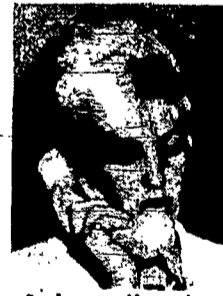
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