

The Bishops' Coat of Arms

For Bishop Hickey:

The coat of arms of the Irish Hickey family displays a blue field bearing a gold lion.

The sword entwined with a snake at either side of the central charge of the chief is derived from the coat of arms of the Sullivan family of the Bishop's mother.

The Hickeys are closely identified with County Clare and North Tipperary, being Dalcassian in origin and hereditary physicians to the ruling O'Briens of Thomond.

The symbol of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary consists of a star guarded by a pair of angel's wings. Tinctured in silver on the shield it recalls the Immaculate Conception and the perpetual virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The star, in utero as it were, represents Jesus Christ within the womb of Mary. The star is applied to Christ in the Apocalypse: "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things concerning the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star" (Apocalypse 22:16).

The Sullivan sword entwined with the serpent is fortuitously connected with the symbol for the Annunciation. The prophecy of Simeon mentions: "And thy own soul a sword shall pierce,

that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:35). Then there is the reference to the serpent in Genesis: "And the Lord said to the serpent . . . I will put enmities between thee and the woman." (3:14-15).

The motto, "Robur Meum Dominus" (God is my strength), reflects the principal charge on the arms of the Hickey family of Ireland, since the lion is the symbol of strength. The motto is taken from Exodus, "The Lord is my strength and my praise, and he is become salvation to me. A motto briefly expresses an ideal, a program of life, and the spirit of the one who bears it on his coat of arms.

For Bishop McCafferty:

Bishop McCafferty's heraldic symbols refer to scripture and to the Blessed Virgin.

The coat of arms bears as the central figure the emblem of Saint John the Evangelist, the baptismal patron of the Bishop. The eagle with the book is the revered symbol of the inspired writer of the Fourth Gospel which soars to the very heavens in its proof of the Divinity of Christ.

The crown of crosses and the crown of fleurs-de-lis honor Christ the King and Mary, Queen of Heaven, respectively, to whom the Bishop has special devotion.

The two crescents, also symbols of the Blessed Virgin, are derived from the coat of arms of the Cavanaugh family to honor the Bishop's mother.

The motto, "Sub Tutela Matris Ecclesiae" (Under the protection of the Mother of the Church), is derived from the title, "Mother of the Church," given to the Blessed Virgin by His Holiness Pope Paul VI in his speech de-

livered at the closing of the third session of Vatican Council II. A motto briefly expresses an ideal, a program of life, and the spirit of the one who bears it on his coat of arms.

The external ornaments are the heraldic trappings of a prelate of the rank of Bishop. Before 1870, the pontifical hat was worn at solemn cavalcades held in conjunction with papal functions.

Diocesan Bishops Named to Curia Posts

VATICAN CITY — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has named a number of bishops who are heads of dioceses to serve also as member of the Sacred Congregation for the Eastern Churches and the Sacred Congregation of Bishops.

The appointments, dated Aug. 6, 1967, but made public now for the first time, implement a policy announced earlier in plans for the reform of the Roman Curia, central agency of the Catholic Church.

In each of the congregations, seven bishops are to be made members while remaining in their dioceses. Their function will be to give reports and vote at annual plenary sessions, bring a worldwide perspective to the Curia. They may also participate in occasional spe-

cial meetings summoned to meet a particular need.

Two of the bishops appointed to the Congregation for the Eastern Churches are Americans, Bishop Stephen Kocisko of the Ruthenian Diocese of Pittsburgh, a native of Minneapolis, and Auxiliary Bishop Michael Rusnak of the Toronto Ukrainian Diocese, a native of Beaverdale, Pa.

The others are: Archbishop Joseph Parecattill of Ermaculan, India; Archbishop Asrate Mariam Yemmeru of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Archbishop Anthony Varthalitis of Corfu, Greece; Bishop Miklos Dudas of the Byzantine Rite Diocese of Hajdudorog, Hungary, and Bishop Basil Cristea, Delegate Visitor for Romanians outside of their native country.

Diocesan History

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and television, the sixth Bishop of Rochester had already been consecrated a bishop during his service as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. When he was appointed to Rochester on October 21, 1966, the *Courier Journal* called him "the man everybody knows."

The installation took place in Sacred Heart Cathedral on December 15, 1966. Cardinal Spellman and Bishop Kearney conducted the new Ordinary of

Rochester to his episcopal chair in the sanctuary.

Since his installation, Bishop Sheen has been guided by the spirit of the Second Vatican Council. This has been especially evident in his consultation of the clergy regarding a vicar general; in his appointment of regional and special vicars; in his concern for the inner-city and rural needs; and in his ecumenical activities. He has shown himself a man of imagination and boldness in seeking new solutions for the problems of the Church of today.

New Bishops To Offer First Pontifical Masses on Sunday

Both Bishops Hickey and McCafferty will celebrate their first Pontifical Masses March 17.

Bishop Hickey will offer a 12:30 p.m. Mass at St. Theodore's Church with Monsignor Emmett Murphy, pastor of Holy Apostles Church, preaching and the St. Bernard's Seminary Choir singing. 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. There will be a public reception in the Holy Rosary School hall from 4 till 7 p.m.

Missions Present A Stupendous Challenge

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