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Nationalities in the Diocese of Rochester

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Father McNamara's 650page centenniial history of the Diocese of Rochester is to be published shortly after Easter. This is another of his special series of glimpses of our diocesan past.

Walt Whitman once wrote of this country: "Here is not mere-ly a nation but a teeming Nation of nations." We might make a similar statement of the Diocese of Rochester. It is not merely a diocese but a Diocese of dioceses. That is, our population has come, both of late and originally, from many different nations on the face of the earth.

A very large percentage of our people trace their origins to Ireland. This is true throughout the twelve counties of the Diocese.

Among the other big per. centages to arrive here in the last century, the Germans were second largest. Most of them settled in Rochester and vicinity, but there were other sizeable groups in Auburn, Elmira and in the Dansville-Perkinsville, Wayland - Cohocton Naples sector. The Germans

who have come here from else-



Bishop O'Hern lays the cornerstone, (1929). Mount Carmel Church, Rochester.

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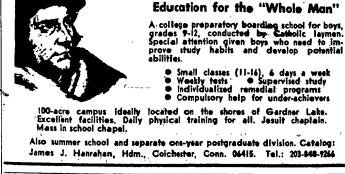




tholicism has tended to become Americanized over the years, each has made its own contribution to popular piety. The Trish brought St. Patrick and "the green". The Germans, St. Boniface, ShroveTuesday Cookies, and the Easter sepul-cher. The Italians, SS. Lucy and Rocco, and the St. Joseph Tables. The Poles, SS. Stanislaus (the king and the Jesuit), the Oplatki Cakes of Christmas, the blessing of eggsand meat in Holy Week. and the Easter-morn service called Rezurekcja. The Lithu-anians, St. Casimir, the Christmas Eve fish supper, and the cold-cut luncheon of Easter Sunday. The Portuguese, St. Anthony (of Lisbon, of course, for that is where St. Amthony of Padua was born); and the sugar-doughnut of Shrove Tuesday called the malla_sada. And finally, there are the Puerto Ricans, with their patron, St. John the Baptist, their holiday

Although each national Ca-

candy, and their 'pina ta" full of gifts. "How much we are all at home here," said Bishop Mc-Quaid at the dedication of the original St. Stanislaus Church. . . Irish, Scotch, German; Swiss, Italian, Belgiam, French







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