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New Book Covers Diocese Extensively

THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER 1868-1968
 By Rev. Robert F. McNamara, 688 Pages, Christopher Press, \$12.00.

By **MSGR. PATRICK J. FLYNN**

One hundred years ago (March 3, 1868), Pope Pius IX established the upstate New York Diocese of Rochester "In America" and named Bernard J. McQuaid the first Bishop of the New See.

At its inception the Rochester Diocese embraced the eight counties of Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Cayuga, Yates and Tompkins. It was some years, 1896 in fact, before Rome, in response to Bishop McQuaid's insistent demand, added to Rochester the four Southern Tier Counties of Tioga, Chemung, Schuyler and Steuben. All 12 counties of the present Diocese of Rochester were originally part of the Diocese of Buffalo.

Father Robert McNamara, whose long awaited history of the 100-year-old Rochester Diocese was published this week, is a veteran professor of Church History at St. Bernard's Seminary. His new work establishes him as an expert on centennial histories.

Along with numerous historical papers, he has already written such full length works as the "Century of Grace" (1948) which is the story of his native parish of St. Mary's, Corning, N.Y.; the centennial history (1855-1955) of "The American College in Rome," of which he is an alumnus.

Long-needed Scholarship

It was 10 years ago that Bishop Kearney commissioned Father McNamara to prepare a history of the Rochester Diocese for this centennial year. It was a story that needed to be written. The last serious effort to chronicle our diocesan story was Dr. Frederick J. Zwierlein's three volume work, "The Life and Letters of Bishop McQuaid." This was published in 1925 and concluded with Bishop McQuaid's death in 1909.

The task that confronted Father McNamara 10 years ago seemed almost impossible. In his famous history of World War II, Winston Churchill required six large volumes to record the events of only eight years. Father McNamara was under instruction to report the 100-year-old story of Catholic life in the Rochester Diocese in a single volume!

The almost 70 pages of documentary references at the end of the volume attest to the intense and widespread research that went into its preparation. Father McNamara's research includes not only scores of books, but the examination of parish diocesan archives, files of many newspapers, secular as well as religious, personal interviews and personal travel.

The author's patient and dedicated study of the history of the Rochester Diocese has resulted in many new facts



Proud author, Father Robert F. McNamara, presents first copy of his just-published "The Diocese of Rochester: 1868-1968" to Bishop Sheen. The volume was published this week. The author is professor of church history at St. Bernard's Seminary.

and much new material. At least, most of us have never heard of what Father McNamara reports.

A Broad Picture

And in telling the story he avoids the mistake of thinking of the Diocese only in terms of the city limits of the See City. He explores and reports the story of the Faith in all precincts of the Diocese including the Auburn, Geneva, Canandaigua, Corning and Elmira areas. The growth of the Church and her people in all the remote and numerous towns and hamlets of the 12-county Diocese is told here.

Father McNamara is faithful to Pope Leo XIII's directive that Catholic historians should never be afraid to tell the truth. The Pope deplored the fact that if "the gospels had been written like some Catholic historians, we should never have heard of the kiss of Judas, or the denial of Peter."

Father McNamara does not chase the floor on any diocesan skeletons. He does not try to glorify any of the figures who walk on the stage of diocesan history. With charity and fairness he cites their failures as well as their successes; their human shortcomings as well as their commendable traits.

We smile, for instance, to learn that the legendary "old warrior," Bishop McQuaid was reprimanded by Rome for his public attack on Archbishop Ireland.

As a good historian, Father McNamara feels the real history of Rochester Diocese is not just the story of its Bishops or even of its clergy, but also of all its lay people. He has been careful, therefore, to record the names and deeds of pioneer Catholics whose staunch faith did so much to build the Church in upstate New York.

In several background chapters, Father McNamara gives a fascinating "pre-history" of Catholic life (over 200 years) before the advent of Bishop McQuaid in 1868.

The Indians Were First

The French Jesuit missionaries were the first (by 1650 at least) to preach the gospel in Western and Central New York when the Indians still owned this part of America. It is a bit of a shock to realize that the first Catholics in what is now the Rochester Diocese were Indians.

And it is a credit to Father McNamara's sense of justice that his first chapter in his history of the Rochester Diocese is about the Indians and the Church's work among them.

In treating the formal history of the Rochester Diocese, Father McNamara takes the obvious approach. He divides the 100-years of history according to the respective tenures of Rochester's six bishops.

His history concludes with an epilogue on Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who came to Rochester as its sixth bishop in December, 1966. Father McNamara closes out his centennial history with a record of Bishop Sheen's arrival in Rochester and his initial decisions of policy and expressions of hope for the Diocese as it begins its second century of life.

The first centenary of the Rochester Diocese is almost exclusively the story of five Bishops — Bishop McQuaid, Bishop Thomas Hickey, Bishop John F. O'Hern, Archbishop Edward Mooney and Bishop James E. Kearney. The latter's long tenure, 1957 to 1966 was surpassed only by Bishop McQuaid's reign of 41 years.

Jesuit Runs for Office

Alleppey, India — (NC) — A Jesuit priest will run in the forthcoming elections for city council. Father J. K. Thayer, S.J., founder of a cooperative society for rickshaw-pullers here, justified his candidacy on the ground that priests today have to become "one with the people of God."

this is a day of disturbance all over the world, it is not the end of the world or the Church. Rather our age, like every age, is the dawn of a new day. That is the way it has always been.

The problems of the Church today are not much different from the hundred years gone by.

Today we debate the future of Catholic schools. Our schools were also a problem in days of Bishop McQuaid and of all his successors in Rochester.


Today we have problems of authority and doctrine (the "new theology") and civil rights. We have faced all these things before and solved them. Yesterday it was Trustism and Modernism and "Americanism" and there was the problem of nationalism which harassed the Church for so long.

Today we have the anxiety of Vietnam. Yesterday it was the War of the States, World Wars I and II and Korea.

Father McNamara's history of the Rochester Diocese gives us grounds for courage and hope as we face the future.


His volume is not a book to be read in a frivolous manner. It deserves careful attention. Unless we respect the lessons of History we are doomed to repeat her mistakes.

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In the Constitution of the Church, we find the testimony of Sacred Scripture and the Church Fathers combined with more recent pronouncements by the popes. Mary, the "Mother of God and of the Redeemer," was united to Him, "by a close, indissoluble bond," and was accorded a special role "in the mystery of the Incarnate Word, that is, in the economy of salvation."

When Mary uttered the words of her Fiat, she made a total commitment to God so that He could carry out His designs in her. Mary never took back her act of total surrender, not even on the road to Calvary. From that first moment, she devoted herself wholly to serving not only her heavenly Father and the Incarnate Word, but also the whole human race. In the Incarnation, Our Blessed Mother first brought Christ to the world. And that is precisely what she would have you do all your life—bring Christ to the world.

Even after the Ascension, she loyally and steadfastly carried out her new role, acting as spiritual mother to the beloved disciple and the newborn Church. With good reason, then, we can say that the whole life of the Lord's humble handmaid from the moment she was born to the present—is one of loving service to her children. What greater example and what greater model could you choose to imitate in order to fulfill your task as a Christian called to love and to serve your poor and suffering brothers around the world?

You must now take over Mary's task. You are the door through which Christ enters the world. You must receive the Lord and bear Him in your heart so that He may become the heart of your life. Then His love, His goodness, His pity for the multitude will shine through you into the world. Then He will smile through your eyes. Then He will help with your hands. Then He will comfort with your goodness. Then He will live in your person. His life of long ago for the sake of today's desperate humanity.

In this, the month dedicated to the Mother of the Church, show your love for her by making her task your task, by sacrificing to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith to help those of her children who are in such need.

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Social Workers Praised by Cardinal

NC News Service
 Washington—There is no profession other than social work which keeps its fingers so continuously and sensitively on the pulse of human misery, nor which is more rewarding in the spiritual enrichment of those who labor to alleviate the suffering of their fellow man.

The convocation was the highlight of a weekend long (April 19-21) celebration of the school's anniversary.

Granted honorary degrees at the convocation were Dr. Ruth E. Smalley, director of the Division of Educational Services of the Council on Social Work Education, and Dr. Daniel P. Moynihan, former assistant secretary of labor and professor of urban politics at Harvard University.

In paying the tribute Cardinal O'Boyle, a graduate of the

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Entertainment TV Home

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Television has already bested Hollywood at its own game in the area of stage settings or interior design and never, but never, does it do anything by halves.

For example should a script call for a humble one-room cottage, you can be assured it will be humble—curtains limp and sparse, a bare rocker and a nondescript dresser obviously bereft of either food or clothing, but all done with flair of course.

Jackie Gleason's "Honey-mooners" apartment is prime example of this kind of overstated understatement. The refrigerator circa 1925, a round, unlovely table and stove of the same vintage and a large window free of any hangings make up the chief points of interest.

How many times have I been prompted to write and

Good Viewing Ahead

FRIDAY, MAY 3
 10-11 p.m. "We Won't Go": A color special exploring the world of the draft resister. NBC.

SUNDAY, MAY 5
 3 p.m. "Parade of Excellence: Vienna Choir Boys": Alfred Drake serves as narrator of news documentary on the famed group. ABC.

7:30 to 9 p.m. Ed Sullivan: Special tribute to Irving Berlin on his 80th birthday. With Bing Crosby, Ethel Merman, Diana Ross and the Supremes, Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians, Peter Gennaro and Robert Goulet. CBS.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8
 9:30 p.m. "Best on Record": Grammy Awards. NBC.

Academy Staging 'Our Town' May 2-4

Students of the Academy of the Sacred Heart are staging Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" May 2, 3 and 4 at 8:30 p.m. The cast of 26 is directed by Mary Ann Fall.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults, \$1 for students, obtainable at the door.

FORTY HOURS
 May 5—St. John the Evangelist, St. Lawrence, Rochester; Bradford, St. Ann, Hornell; St. Cecilia, Elmira; Phelps; Victor; Wedsport.

TV

Friday, May 3 -

These are those given by the National Catholic Office for originally shown. A-1: morally unobjectionable; A-2: morally unobjectionable; B: morally objectionable for adults, with reservations; B-1: all; C: condemned. No Rating: National Catholic Office for Moral Decency. N.B. Before A-3 or indicated morally unobjectionable.

Movie listings supplied

TV Guide

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Tuesday		
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9:00 p.m.	8	McHale's I
11:45 p.m.	13	Fifty Gun
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9:00 p.m.	10	The Pleas
11:30 p.m.	13	April Love
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9:00 p.m.	10	Woman of
11:30 p.m.	13	The Proud