



Bishop Kearney, seated, receives a standing ovation from nearly 600 priests and bishops at the St. Bernard's alumni luncheon marking his 60th anniversary of priesthood and the Seminary's 75th jubilee. Father Joseph P. Brennan, seminary rector, left, and Bishop Sheen lead the applause.

## Church Dignitaries Help St. Bernard's Mark Anniversary

St. Bernard's Seminary shared honors with Bishop James E. Kearney at a mammoth luncheon of 19 bishops, 18 seminary rectors and 550 priests last Thursday marking the 75th birthday of the seminary.

The dining hall of the Masonic Temple hummed with clerical applause as priests from a dozen eastern dioceses who had received some share of their Holy Orders from Bishop Kearney's hands in seminary days here, gave him a thunderous congratulatory ovation for reaching his 60th year in the priesthood.

Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, speaking as former secretary to Bishop Kearney and as his auxiliary, said that St. Bernard's seminarians for 29 years had recognized a "special fatherhood" in the jubilarian.

"Whenever Bishop Kearney walked into the seminary chapel, with that quick, jaunty stride of his," Bishop Casey recalled, "the seminarians saw him as a totally dedicated priest, a real man, direct, honest, with strong convictions, yet a gentle man in mind and heart."

"He reflected the image of Christ and made the priesthood appear as a challenging and beautiful goal."

Bishop Casey remarked that "in this anniversary year of the diocese it is appropriate to recall that Bishop Kearney is one of the few surviving links with the founding Bishop McQuaid who came to Rochester in 1888. As an altar boy in his home parish of St. Agnes on 43rd St., young James Kearney often served Mass for Bishop McQuaid when he came down from Rochester for a New York visit."

Few people appreciate, Bishop Casey said, the burdens that a bishop must secretly carry. "Bishop Kearney has seen many changes and movements in 36 years as a bishop but he has borne them with a serenity that came from deep faith and a strong prayer-life."

(Bishop Sheen's address at the Alumni luncheon is reprinted in full on page 13.)

## Blessing from Pope Highlight of Mass

(Continued from Page 1)

given an unparalleled school system that has served as a model throughout the nation. This is the legacy of our first century as a Diocese."

Stating that diocesan schools have had "a very large part to play in keeping the Church in America a family Church — or to put it more bluntly, a Church in which a great proportion of our attendants are men," he continued:

"I wonder if this would be true if we did not have our schools, and I wonder if it will be true if we let our schools go."

"It cannot be denied," he continued, "that our schools face a crisis, although it seems ironical that our affluent and prosperous generations cannot cope with the challenge that our poverty-stricken ancestors met and conquered."

"An even greater cause for alarm about the future is the crisis within so many religious communities — a contention between the individual and the idea of service to the community — the struggle between 'my thing' and 'our thing,' to say nothing about 'God's thing' — a crisis that will be as devastating as the Tudor attacks from without."

"But these are the problems of the second one-hundred years. We pray that those who will direct the Church and the generous souls who will come forward to dedicate themselves to Christ may have the courage and wisdom of the men and women of the first hundred years."

See text of Monsignor McAniff's sermon on Page 16.

Printed in the Mass program were special prayers of thanksgiving, for the Pope, for the people of God, to Blessed John Fisher (patron of the Diocese) and for vocations.

The Most Rev. Terence Cooke, Archbishop of New York, a guest of honor, spoke praise for the seminary from the New York Province, told of Bishop Kearney's contributions to the history of St. Cecilia's parish and St. Francis Xavier parish in greater New York.

"He is still remembered by our people as a pastor, a wonderful priest and a witness to Christ," the Archbishop said. "He formed and inspired Christian people as he gave himself to our communities, churches and organizations for 24 years before he left us to become Bishop of Salt Lake City."

Bishop Kearney, who will be 84 on Oct. 28, reminisced that his responsibilities for St. Bernard's Seminary had a great influence on his life. "For one-half of the 60 years of my priesthood I was in and out of this institution. I believe that I always had a deep consciousness that much of the salvation of so many people would depend on what this school did for its students."

"I am grateful that you honor me today for my priesthood," the Bishop told the alumni crowd. "But I turn the credit over to two great women: my Mother and the Blessed Virgin."

When he was ordained, he said, his mother gave him sound advice: "Be very good to the poor and keep your mouth shut."

The Blessed Mother has been part of his priesthood since the day he said his first Mass on her Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, he admitted. "She has been my consolation and pride all my life. This heavenly Mother has done so much for me before the throne of God."

When the diocese marked his 50th anniversary as a priest, the Bishop recalled, "I cried when one of the speakers called me 'Our Lady's Bishop.' I was deeply moved that the living of my vow to serve her and her Son was noticed by the people of our diocese."

Included among Mass concelebrants were:

Monsignors John M. Duffy, Robert A. Keleher, Very Rev. Bartholomew O'Brien, Very Rev. Raymond Wahl; Fathers Alfred P. Bartlett, S.J., Thomas F. Brennan, Paul Cuddy, William Donnelly, Peter J. Etlinger, C.S.B., Joseph F. Hogan, James J. Marvin, Paul McCabe, Father Athanasius Hasey, St. Nicholas Church, Rochester.

John Cavanaugh, of Holy Trinity Church, Webster, was lector. In the offertory procession were Sister Loretta, S.S.J., Sister Dorothy Kiefer, R.S.M., Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tydings, Holy Cross Church, Rochester, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Leeder, Holy Name of Jesus Church, Greece.

Guests included: Rev. Richard N. Hughes, executive director, Rochester Area Council of Churches; Rev. Dr. V. E. Devadutt, professor of ecumenical theology, Colgate Rochester Divinity School; Rev. Paul Young, Rochester executive, Lutheran Church of America; Rev. Dr. Harrison Williams, Monroe Baptist Association; Rev. George Hill, pastor, Lake Avenue Baptist Church.

Father Michael F. Conboy, assistant pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, was in charge of arrangements. Others included: music, Father Charles J. McCarthy; deacons, Father Robert P. O'Neil; ceremonies, Father Lewis Brown; eucumenical, Monsignor Charles V. Boyle; procession, Father Eugene P. Sweeney; crossbearer, Richard Reif; acolytes, Rev. Mr. William Enders, Rev. Mr. Mark Miller; non-parochial societies, Father R. Richard Brinkler; traffic, Father William J. Flynn; ushers, Father Donald J. Wheeland, Douglas Walker, Raymond Ellind; altar decorations, Father Albert H. Cason; Sister M. Roger, R.S.M.; Sister M. Richard R.S.M.

# Mexican Bishops Urge End to Violence

By ELSBETH CAMPBELL  
Mexico City — (NC) — A peaceful and prompt solution of the current conflict between university students and the government was urged by the Mexican Bishops' Conference in a pastoral letter.

The conflict has already erupted into violence that has taken 30 lives as students and police engaged in gun battles.

The pastoral said: "Although we live in a changing world, in the effort to right existing injustices we must not throw out nor endanger all the good things we have achieved through great sacrifices. . . . The youth problem exists not only in Mexico but has become a world problem which must be viewed as one pertaining to today's society in general."

Mexican students have been demonstrating since the end of July against what they call repressive and brutal methods used in putting down student disorders and protests. The demonstrations broke out into violent clashes between students and police after the army seized control of the National University (Sept. 18) and the National Polytechnic Institute here (Sept. 24).

Jose Alvarez Icaza, president of the Center for Social Communications (CENCOCS), told the press: "What is happening is that young Mexicans are

beginning to awaken to the fact that the country does have problems and if this first awakening of the young people is impeded, they will be obligated to use violence."

Alvarez Icaza's statements pinpoint one fact: the use of force, the use of riot police and of the army to try to suppress the student movement has turned the bulk of public opinion in favor of what the young people are now trying to do, and that is to stand up for their constitutional rights as Mexican citizens.

Mexico's population is predominantly young, and suddenly youth has acquired a voice in national affairs. It is asking for a less unequal distribution of wealth, for social justice. Soon, perhaps, it is going to demand a political voice and an end to the one-party political system that has existed in this country for the past 50 years.

In his annual report to the nation (Sept. 1) — about two and a half weeks before he ordered the army to seize the National University — President Diaz Ordaz had made some concessions to the student protestors, including a reaffirmation of university autonomy, possible lowering of the voting age from 21 to 18, a promise of serious dialogue to resolve other problems and an offer of public hearings to see if changes in the federal penal code could be made.

The President denied in his speech that there are "political prisoners" in Mexico, whose freedom students had been demanding.

After the student protest began, priests in Mexico City have stressed, particularly in Sunday sermons, that youths have a right to champion individual and collective freedom but that they should use reasonable and civic-minded means that are not opposed to Christian morals.

A group of 37 priests, belonging to the faculty of the Ibero-American

University, the Mexican bishops' Social Action Secretariat and the Center of Social Research expressed support for responsible student participation in effecting a reform of Mexico's educational system.

"As priests and as Mexicans we wish to show our solidarity with the present awareness of our youth, since we believe that, if there are many risks involved in its attitude, there are also greater possibilities for the future of a better order in Mexico," they stated.

## Abortion Trend Discussed

By Sue Roethlis  
(NC News Service)

Denver — With proposals to liberalize abortion laws facing many state legislative bodies, the Association of State Catholic Conference Directors meeting here focused on proposed legislation which could provide "abortion on demand."

Father James McHugh, director of Family Life Division, U.S. Bishops' Conference, stated that many state lawmakers see liberalized abortion legislation as an alternative to contraception or as a remedy for faulty conception.

He said that the proposed statute

fails to define its key terms; does not provide adequate safeguards to keep unscrupulous doctors from performing abortions on trivial grounds; and violates the unborn child's right to due process and equal protection of the laws in a number of particulars.

### Reorganization Due

Naples — (RNS) — All Roman Catholic religious orders in Italy are expected to begin extensive reorganization programs in the near future. The changes were planned at a three-day meeting here in which all aspects of religious life were discussed in the light of the Second Vatican Council.

# Don

(Continued from Page 1)  
\$180,870 raised here in '67.

What can one say to people generosity equal to the concern equal to the sacrifice made daily by body and salaried missionaries so far

A lawyer once came and asked: "Who is my neighbor? The man expected the neighbor was the lived next door or in the vicinity, or belonged to the

To answer the question upset all concepts of neighbor. The neighbor was the who was closest to us, the who was farthest away, the who was a friend or a same tribe; he might be an enemy. In the story of Samaritan, Christ tells: neighbor we must care not belong to our nation is rather the ONE WHO

But in facing the mission world, it is not pity stress, but help — practicing, adequate and even the point of some pain for the mission story stirs for the miseries of the w action ensued, our pity unblesed as a sigh into these times it's cold and a warm heart that will reference between life an many missionaries' problem

Suppose that in the enjoyment of dinner, the your dining room parled the yawning opening a Sister brought in an abar from a Korea slum, or table a starving mother or showed your family a from Peru! Would you only the left-overs of y? Could you be satisfied th: lars pressed into the S would satisfy this misery you peaceful in consisten

Last year the average tion per Catholic for the the Church was less than for a whole year and 40 48 million of us? But if us gave to the Holy Fat education of a native pri as much as we spent on el last year we could keep narian in school for a y

How many of us can her dollars spent on exp out in the past year? If we could recount the pates which went up smoke, or the unnecessary have bought, or the sires magazines we paid for away? These pleasures trinscally selfish but

# B. FORMAN CO.

## FORMAN'S OCTOBER SALE OF COATS

44.00 and 48.00

Orig. to 65.00

Coats, coats and more coats for you to choose from at Forman's October Sale prices!

Boucles, tweeds, ottomans, meltons. Checks, diagonals, solid colors, light and dark.

Demi-petite, petite and misses' sizes. Third Floor Coats, Midtown; Culver-Ridge and Pittsford.

