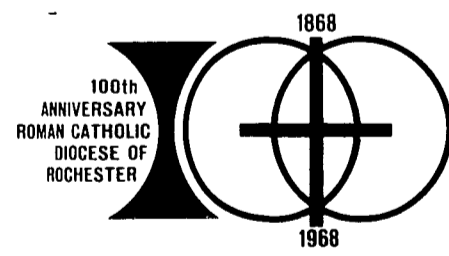


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Sibley's in its 100th Birthday year, wishes to congratulate the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, New York on its own 100th Anniversary. A good and happy coincidence. May the next 100 years keep us ever growing together in this fine, friendly and forward-striding community.

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To Our Venerable Brother
Fulton J Sheen
Bishop of Rochester,

—Greetings and felicitations.—

The Diocese of Rochester will soon celebrate the first centenary of its foundation, and We wish to share with you and your diocese the happiness and the joy of having reached this important milestone in its history.

A glance through the statistics of the Diocese gives a clear indication that the growth of the Church in the Rochester area matches the development of the Church in the United States. Parishes, schools, works of charity, and a multiplication of religious communities are a constant reminder of the vitality of the Church, and We are confident that the Diocese of Rochester will continue to make the presence of the Church felt in all levels of society. Christ's message of love is the motivating force of the diocese, of the Bishop and of his closest collaborators - the clergy and religious, and it is the strength of the faithful who have cooperated so generously and with such dedication. God has blessed the Diocese of Rochester with so much, and all of you have responded. The challenges of the future are such that the Diocese of Rochester must continue to progress and to give to society the contents of Christ's teaching. The world still has great need of His preaching and of His example.

In the hope that the Diocese of Rochester will respond to its pastoral responsibility, We lovingly impart to you, Venerable Brother, to your clergy, religious and devoted faithful, Our special Apostolic Benediction.

From the Vatican, September 18, 1968

Paulus P.P. VI



Pope Paul VI

Born in Concesio, Italy, Sept. 26, 1897
Crowned Pope, June 30, 1963



POPES SINCE BEGINNING
OF
ROCHESTER DIOCESE

Pius IX	1846 - 1878
Leo XIII	1878 - 1903
St. Pius X	1903 - 1914
Benedict XV	1914 - 1922
Pius XI	1922 - 1939
Pius XII	1939 - 1958
John XXIII	1958 - 1963
Paul VI	1963 -