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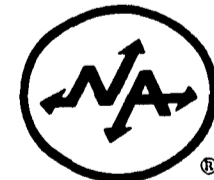
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The Diocese and the Five Giants Who Shaped It

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his widely recognized spiritual talents had not escaped the notice of Roman authorities. When the head of the Propaganda Fide, the Vatican's official missionary coordinating office, was in search of someone to send as apostolic delegate to India, Monsignor Mooney was picked as having the ideal combination of ability and personality.

Cardinal van Rossum, head of the Propaganda, consecrated Monsignor Mooney in the chapel of the North American College Jan. 31, 1926, as titular Archbishop of Irenopolis-in-Isauria.

In 1931, Archbishop Mooney was transferred to Japan as that country's Apostolic Delegate. His accomplishments there as in India spelled greater efficiency for the Church's work for souls. He worked with missionary and native clergy in Japan to coordinate the various religious and educational programs of the Church there, again winning recognition from official government circles.

His diplomatic ability seemed to destine him to remain indefinitely as a special envoy to handle the Vatican's critical assignments. Then, while on a brief visit to America in 1933, he was named to the Diocese of Rochester which was still in mourning for its late beloved Bishop O'Hern.

As fourth Bishop of Rochester, Archbishop Mooney faced the lean years of depression which ravaged secular and religious institutions throughout the country. He called into play his experience as a realist and diplomat to pilot the Rochester Diocese through chaotic financial waters.

Archbishop Mooney took the pioneering step to provide Catholic college facilities for men in the Rochester area by establishing the Niagara University College of Business Administration in 1933 in classrooms at the Columbus Civic Center. He also brought the Basilian Fathers to assume direction of Aquinas Institute in 1937.

Also during Archbishop Mooney's episcopate in Rochester, the Society of the Divine Word opened its St. Michael's Mission House, a preparatory seminary, at Hemlock Lake.

The old St. Patrick's Cathedral, once the heart of a strongly Catholic residential section, by 1937 was surrounded by industrial expansion in that area. Church rites had to compete



Bishop James E. Kearney, 1937 - 1966

with the roar of machines and the clatter of traffic. Archbishop Mooney secured permission from Rome to use Sacred Heart Church on Flower City Park as a Pro-Cathedral and to sell the old cathedral property to the Eastman Kodak Company. Included in the sale were the old Cathedral, the nearby rectory and Chancery, and the red brick St. Andrew's Seminary building.

The building which had served as Cathedral High and had witnessed many social events of the old Cathedral High School was remodeled into a church and is today's St. Patrick's Church on Plymouth Avenue North.

Before the doors of the old Cathedral were closed for the last time in September, 1937, one of the most colorful ceremonies ever enacted in the venerable edifice raised a Rochester priest to the ranks of the hierarchy. Father Walter A. Foery, director of Catholic Charities

under Archbishop Mooney, was consecrated as fifth bishop of Syracuse.

At this same time, Pope Pius XI raised the Diocese of Detroit to arch-diocesan status and looked to his able diplomat Archbishop Mooney to organize the new ecclesiastical province.

Four years would seem to be a brief span for a man to leave his mark but the stamp of Archbishop Mooney is still apparent throughout the Rochester Diocese.

In Detroit, Archbishop Mooney continued to display the same capable leadership he had shown so clearly in Rochester. Again Rome took notice and within ten years he was called to Rome to receive the Red Hat, symbol of the Cardinal's rank. Today the Rochester Diocese takes justifiable pride in the fact that its fourth Bishop was honored as a Prince of the Catholic Church.

A high point in the unified achievement of the Diocese of Rochester under the personal direction of Bishop Kearney was the "Bishop's High School Jubilee Campaign" which observed the Bishops' 20th anniversary in the Episcopacy and his 15th anniversary as Fifth Bishop of Rochester.

Priests and people working together to raise funds for the building of four high schools turned in the unprecedented amount of \$4,595,185 for 148 percent of the \$3,045,550 goal.

The campaign was conducted to establish a fund for building new high schools in Elmira, Auburn and one in Rochester and to provide financial assistance to DeSales High school in Geneva. The result assured possibility of building a third high school in Rochester and land for this was purchased in the town of Irondequoit.

Under Bishop Kearney's guidance a campaign to build a new St. Andrew's Seminary on Buffalo Road resulted in a magnificent structure offering high school and college training as preparation for St. Bernard's Seminary. Today it is called King's Prep, has only 4 years and prepares men and women for apostolic vocations.

As an educator of long experience, Bishop Kearney saw to it early in his reign that the Sisters of St. Joseph were encouraged in the work they were doing in educating Catholic young women. The Nazareth College building on Augustine St. was known to be inadequate for the college's future plans and the college was moved to East Ave. in 1942.

A men's Catholic college long dreamed about in the Diocese from as far back as 1912 came into reality when St. John Fisher College conducted by the Basilian Fathers was started with the imposing building at Fairport Road and East Ave. in 1949. This too was financed in a diocesan-wide campaign under Bishop Kearney's guidance.

The training of young men for the priesthood by religious communities has been fostered in various sections of the Diocese by Bishop Kearney. The Basilian Fathers in 1942 moved into the old Nazareth College Building to open in one part of that building their first American novitiate. Young men were trained for the Italian-Custodia of the Franciscan Capuchins in a seminary established in Geneva.

Though born at Red Oak, Iowa, on October 28, 1884, he had been ordained as priest for service in the Archdiocese of New York, on September 19, 1908, after having made his theological course at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N.Y. His consecration to the episcopacy, as Bishop of Salt Lake, had taken place in New York on October 28, 1932.

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