

Bishop Kearney's Role...the Sentimental Touch

A rare event in church history—when a Bishop who has ordained a man to the priesthood, later in life shares in his consecration as a bishop—occurs today in Rochester.

Bishop James E. Kearney, 85, who retired three years ago as the fifth Bishop of Rochester, ordained Father Joseph Lloyd Hogan at Sacred Heart Cathedral on June 6, 1942.

Today he shares with the papal delegate, Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, the responsibility and joy of conferring the fullness of the priesthood on Msgr. Hogan to make him the seventh Bishop of Rochester.

Bishop Hogan, a student in St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries following high school studies in Lima, also received all the lower grades of

Holy Orders from Bishop Kearney.

Although he is only the fourth priest from the diocese named to the episcopacy, since Bishop Kearney came to Rochester in 1937, the 53-year-old Bishop Hogan is one of more than 200 priests of the Rochester Diocese and of 500 other priests in various dioceses of the East who have received Holy Orders from Bishop Kearney's hands.

By new rubrics set in June, 1968, for the ordination of a Bishop, the presiding prelate has two close associates assisting in the ritual but all the bishops present are invited to play an active role as co-consecrators in the ceremony immediately following the Gospel of the Mass.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen and Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson will be assistants to the Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Raimondi, as principal consecrator.

Terence Cardinal Cooke, Bishop Kearney and about 25 other bishops wearing mitres and vestments will participate as co-consecrators to show that, as a group, they admit and welcome Bishop Hogan into the order of bishops.

Vatican Council II, in its decree on the renewal of the liturgy, encouraged the idea that all the bishops present at a consecration should lay hands on the bishop-elect and in unison recite the prayer of consecration. It is also desir-

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BISHOP JAMES E. KEARNEY



SILVER JUBILEE, 1967—Monsignor Joseph L. Hogan is pictured at reunion of classmates marking their 25th year of priesthood and with Bishop James E. Kearney (center), who ordained them in 1942. From left are: Monsignor Hogan; Fathers Joseph M. Egan, Henry F. Adamski, Paul J. Gibbons, Richard Torney; Bishop Kearney; Fathers Walter E. Fleming, Edward A. Shamon, Clarence Gardner, Thomas Cleary, E. Charles Bauer.

Bishop Hogan: Sense of Humor but Inspires Respect

By Bishop Lawrence Casey, Bishop of Paterson, N.J.

One of the great mysteries of Our Lord's life is the way He chose to carry out His mission. He selected twelve men of widely varying occupations, radically different personalities and talents which were not at all obvious. Christ chose the weak of this world to confound the strong. As a result, the accomplishments of those apostles in spreading the faith remains one of the great mysteries of all time.

When a priest is named by the Holy Father to be a bishop, another apostle, his first reaction is one of inadequacy; he is painfully conscious of his littleness and weakness. He wonders how he shall ever meet the responsibilities placed on his shoulders, how he shall ever guide his flock to green pastures and build up the Church of God. He is aware immediately that he cannot do the job alone.

Beyond the grace of office, he knows that God will give him, the new bishop senses his need of the support of his priests, religious and lay people. These thoughts must have been in the mind of Bishop Hogan the day he received his appointment. If one dare read his mind, he took the news humbly. As a realist, he discounted the human honor attached to the position. Knowing that God chooses the weak, he could smile at his own littleness. Bishop Hogan comes from a family for whom a sense of humor is a saving grace. I recall the clergy gatherings at

Sacred Heart when the Bishop's brother Michael was assistant. With the Hogans present, there were few dull moments. This sense of humor will be a priceless asset in the days ahead.

Another quality Bishop Hogan carries to 50 Chestnut Street is his ability to listen. A bishop, seeking the collaboration of those he serves, does a lot of listening these days. As an educator and a pastor, the new bishop has learned to regard those he meets, young and old, as persons to be respected. In turn, while he does not stand on ceremony, Bishop Hogan inspires respect and conformity to his wishes. He puts the emphasis on convictions reached and implemented through dialogue, not arbitrary force—a sensible approach these days.

In the years ahead, he will be the spiritual father of all the people, the reactionaries, ultra-conservatives, the middle of the roaders, the progressives, the avant-garde. He will be on a human level with the major principle of unity in the Diocese of Rochester and he will listen to every thought and opinion put before him, struggling as every bishop does to be impartial, weighing well the arguments of each group. They are all members of his spiritual family.

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Bishop of Paterson (New Jersey) Diocese,
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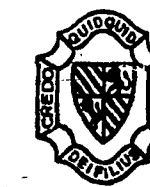
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is in our hearts.

Best wishes and
God's blessings, Bishop Hogan,
as you enter the path of the Apostles.

We look forward to your wisdom and
advice as Chairman of the Aquinas
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traditionally held by the Bishop of
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