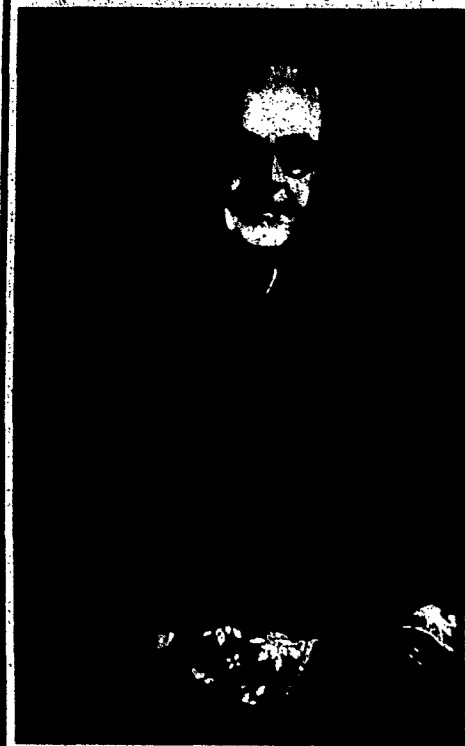




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First 6 Bishops Shaped an Enduring Faith in Christ

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Spanning 101 years to the time of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, there has been a succession of six remarkable men under whose direction the Catholic faith in the Diocese of Rochester was shaped. These six bishops were the hinges for the fascinating eras of diocesan history long past but still memorable.

This is a quick look at the achievements of these men, their moments in history which built for them and for the whole family of God in this 12-county area the most permanent of monuments: an enduring faith in Christ Jesus.

BERNARD J. McQUAID (1868-1909)

Consecrated as the first bishop of the newly formed Diocese of Rochester on July 12, 1868, Bishop McQuaid is most noted for his contributions toward the education of the young in the Diocese.

At the time he came to Rochester, he had been a priest for 20 years; and 10 of these years had been spent as President of Seton Hall in Newark, N.J. He served as Bishop for 41 years.

Bishop McQuaid organized the Sisters of St. Joseph to found the forerunner of the diocesan parochial school system: The Christian Free Schools. Prior to this time the Christian Brothers had maintained an academy in the city but admission was limited to those



Bishop Hogan has two experienced auxiliaries to help him inaugurate a new administration: Bishop John E. McCafferty (left) and Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, both diocesan priests and long-time friends of Bishop Hogan, became auxiliary-bishops to Archbishop Sheen in March, 1968.

who could afford to attend. In the first year of the Christian Free School, Bishop McQuaid staffed a school of more than 800 pupils with 3 sisters. As the idea began to grow, and as the finances for his project grew thin, Bishop McQuaid himself joined the lecture circuit to support free Catholic education.

Bishop McQuaid is also remembered for establishing the seminaries in the city, St. Andrew's, a high school, in 1870, and St. Bernard's, a college and post graduate school begun in 1891.

Bishop McQuaid's concern and affection for "the faithful departed" brought him to establish Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in 1872.

And his respect for the aged caused him to open St. Ann's Home in 1905.

Bishop McQuaid was also known for his contributions to civic life. He was a member of the Rochester Park Board from its inception in 1888 to his death in 1909.

THOMAS F. HICKEY (1908-1928)

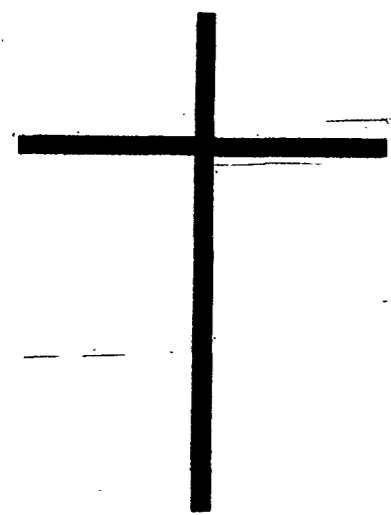
Bishop McQuaid's successor, Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, was the first native Rochesterian to reach the episcopacy. Born in 1861, ordained in 1884, Bishop Hickey was consecrated by the Apostolic Delegate, the Most Rev. Diomedo Falconio in Rochester in 1905.

When Bishop McQuaid died four years later, Bishop Hickey succeeded him immediately, becoming the second Bishop of Rochester.

At the head of Bishop Hickey's accomplishments was his extension of the Catholic school system into the high school level. Prior to his elevation to bishop, he had established a secondary school in the Cathedral parish on North Plymouth Ave. By 1924, Cathedral High, as it was called, could no longer accept the tide of applications from all over the city, so the Bishop launched the construction program for Aquinas Institute on Dewey Avenue.

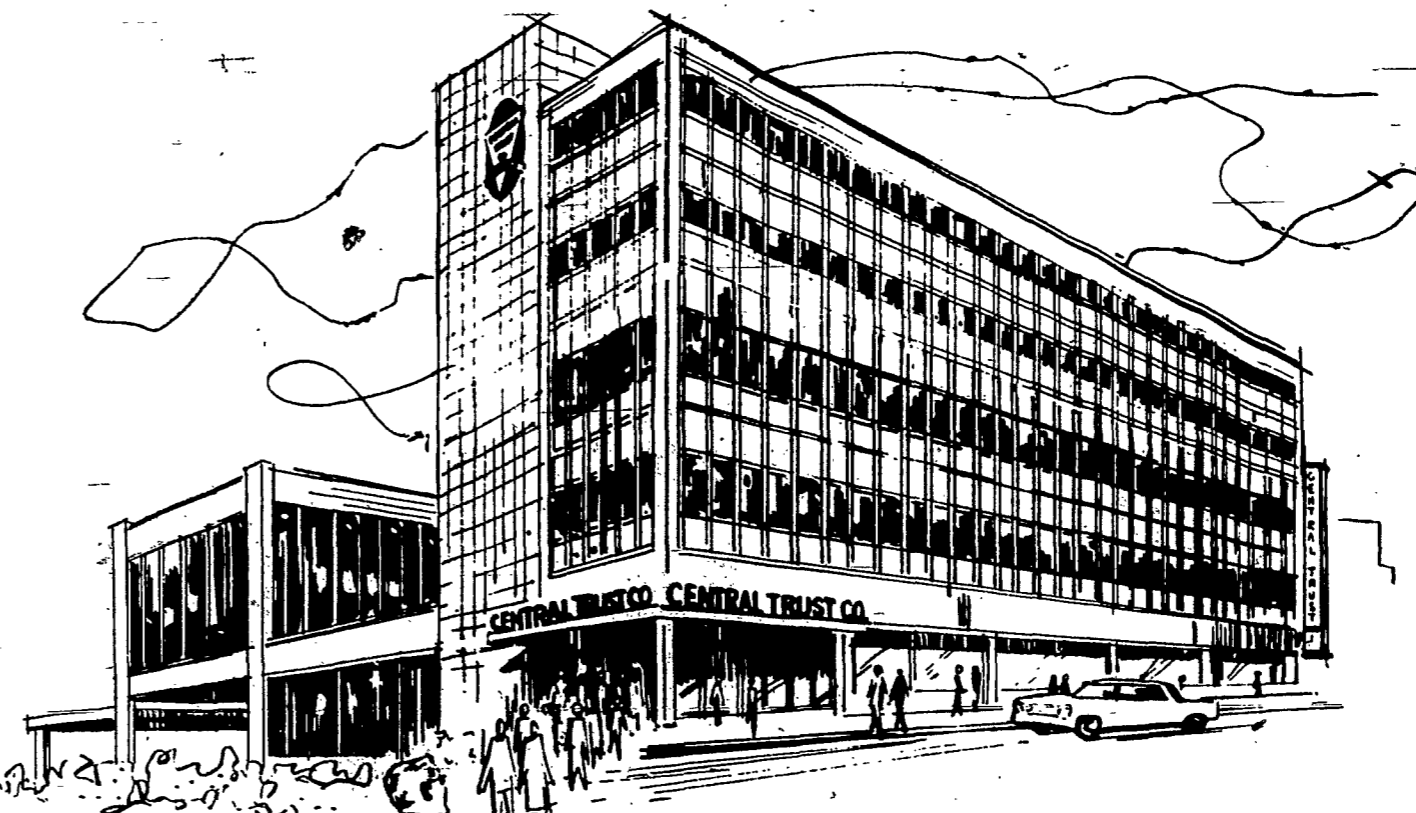
Nazareth Academy's present building on Lake Avenue also dates

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