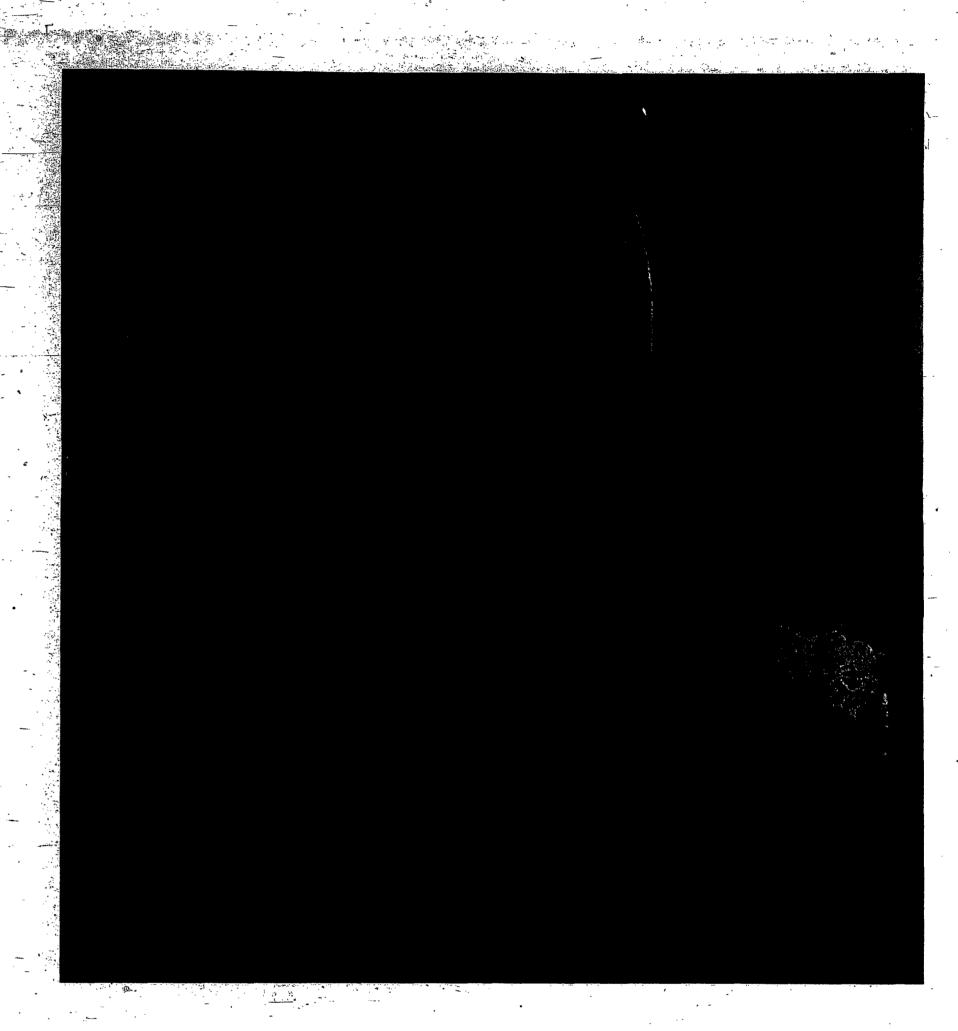


congratulations
to Bishop Hogan
as
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THREE BISHOPS OF ROCHESTER

Unique in U.S. Catholic history is a diocese which has two retired bishops present to assist in the ordination and installation of their successor. Our cover picture marks a 32-year span of diocesan history covering the administration of the fifth and sixth-Bishops of Rochester and the inauguration of the seventh shepherd of this See in the 101 years since the diocese was established.

Bishop James E. Kearney, now 85, arrived in Rochester in November 1937, after five years as Bishop of Salt Lake City. Beloved for nearly 30 years of generous service to the Diocese of Rochester, he resigned in October, 1966.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, now 74, became Bishop Kearney's successor in December, 1966, after 15 years as a bishop directing the U.S. activities of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. His resignation last October 15 was the unexpected conclusion of an exciting and productive, although brief, period as our Shepherd.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, 53, diocesan-born and educated, parish priest, builder and administrator, professor and seminary rector, today accepts an awesome heritage from these two great-living predecessors.

One of them, Bishop Kearney, ordained him to the priesthood and personally assigned him to every diocesan post he has filled in his 27 years of

priestly work. Bishop Kearney's hope and confidence in his ability have been strong factors in the new Bishop's courageous successes.

Bishop Sheen, marking the Becket Hall rector as an excellent priest and leader from his earliest days of meeting the Rochester clergy, personally requested of Pope Paul VI that Bishop Hogan be appointed to succeed him.

Recalling the entire six Bishops who preceded him, the diocese might ask Almighty God that these blessings be granted to Bishop Hogan:

May he have the intrepid courage of Bernard J. McQuaid to act where there is no safe precedent;

May he show the eloquence of Thomas F. Hickey as teacher of ancient doctrine in modern style;

May he radiate the warmth of John Francis O'Hern who was as loved

as he was loving;

May he practise the diplomacy of Edward Mooney who blended concern

for structure with respect for human integrity;

May he build churches and foster schools with the zeal of James Edward

Kearney, loving his entire diocese with a fatherly pride;

May he exercise the imagination of Fulton J. Sheen challenging old

patterns of thought, meeting new problems of human need.

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