

Bishop Foery Retires, Rochester Native 80

Bishop Walter A. Foery, 80, Rochester native and former pastor here, last week retired for reasons of health and age after 33 years as Bishop of Syracuse.

Auxiliary Bishop David F. Cunningham, 69, as coadjutor with right of succession, becomes new head of the seven-county diocese.

While a pastor in Rochester, Father Foery served also, from 1930 to 1937, as director of Rochester Catholic Charities and of the Columbus Civic Center.

Named to the Syracuse See on May 26, 1937, at the age of 47, he was one of the youngest to have been appointed in the New York Province. He succeeded Bishop John A. Duffy, who was transferred to head the Buffalo Diocese.

During his three decades in Syracuse, Bishop Foery has seen the diocese nearly double in Catholic population, now nearing the 400,000 mark. Many new schools and institutions have been founded.

Born in Rochester on July 6,

1890, the son of William and Mary Agnes O'Brien Foery, the Bishop attended St. Bridget's School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained June 10, 1916 in old St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey.

Father Foery, who held degrees of doctor of philosophy and lector of sacred theology, served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Rochester, for six years, and was appointed pastor in June, 1922.

In 1935 he was elected vice chairman of the Rochester Council of social agencies, and a year later was named by the national Catholic Welfare Council as its delegate to the International Charities Council conference in England.

Father Foery was consecrated bishop Aug. 18, 1937, in St. Patrick's Cathedral by Edward Cardinal Mooney of Detroit, who had been fourth Bishop of Rochester until his transfer to the Michigan Diocese. Announcement of the then Archbishop Mooney of Rochester's elevation to Detroit was made

by the Apostolic Delegate in Washington on the same day as that of Father Foery's appointment to Syracuse.

Bishop Foery was installed in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, on Sept. 1, 1937, by the late Bishop Joseph H. Conroy of Ogdensburg Diocese, then dean of the hierarchy in the New York Province. Bishop Foery resides at the episcopal residence at 1234 James St.

Last June he celebrated the 54th year of his priesthood. In 1962, as he marked his silver anniversary in the hierarchy, he was appointed by Pope John XXIII as Assistant at the Pontifical Throne, which carries with it certain privileges of an ecclesiastical nature and certain prerogatives when the bishop is in Rome.

Bishop Foery will continue to reside at the James Street address. He has been given the title of Titular Bishop of Cape Miseno, an honorary diocese in southern Italy.

At a press conference last week, Bishop Foery laughingly asked newsmen "not to refer to me as the retired bishop of Syracuse because I intend to be a highly active man." He is expected to perform many ceremonial functions in the diocese.



Bishop Walter A. Foery (right), who retired last week after 33 years as head of the Syracuse Diocese, is pictured with Bishop James E. Kearney, retired fifth Bishop of Rochester, as they emerged from Sacred Heart Cathedral last Nov. 28 following ordination and installation ceremonies for the seventh Bishop of Rochester, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

New Syracuse Bishop St. Bernard's Alumnus

Auxiliary Bishop David F. Cunningham of Syracuse, a 1926 alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, last week became the sixth bishop of Syracuse, succeeding the retiring Bishop Walter A. Foery.

Bishop Cunningham, 69, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, has been coadjutor bishop, with the right of succession, for the last three years.

He will become pastor of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and expects to reside at 307 Bradford Pkwy.

Born in Walkerville, Mont., he moved with his family at an early age to Oswego, N. Y., where he attended parochial grade school and public high school. He spent two years at St. Michael's College, Toronto, then attended St. Bernard's Seminary and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Ordained June 12, 1926, he was assigned to St. Ambrose Church in Endicott.

Father Cunningham served under the third and fourth bishops of Syracuse before he was appointed Bishop Foery's secretary in 1937. From that point he began to assume increasing responsibilities, first with the Diocesan Tribunal and later as diocesan chancellor.

In September, 1946, seven months after being named pastor of St. John's, he was appointed vicar general of the diocese. He was named Auxiliary Bishop Apr. 5, 1950, and installed by the late Francis



BISHOP CUNNINGHAM

Cardinal Spellman of New York. With the experience of participation in all sessions of Vatican Council II, he was appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Syracuse June 19, 1967.

Area Priests to Hear Dr. Josef Pieper Speak

A special discussion titled "What is a Priest?", led by internationally known author and lecturer, Dr. Josef Pieper, is scheduled at Mt. Saviour Monastery, Pine City, Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 3 p.m.

Open only to priests, the discussion will examine the role of the priest in the world today. The Monastery invites all diocesan priests to attend.

This special discussion is an addition to a previously published schedule of a workshop

on the Christian life led by Dr. Pieper at the Monastery the week of Aug. 16.

For the full workshop a fee of \$60 is charged. For a single day's attendance, \$10; and for a single lecture or discussion, \$4.

Dr. Pieper is ordinary professor of philosophical anthropology at the University of Munster. More than 15 of his books are available in English in the U. S.

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Irish Guild Leaves for European Pilgrimage

Seventy members of the Guild of Our Lady of Knock (an Irish shrine), most from Monroe County, left Rochester Airport Aug. 6 for Guild's seventh annual European pilgrimage. Top photo shows Sisters bidding bon voyage to Sister Frances Marie Kehoe, S.S.J. 83 (center), making first trip abroad. She and some others will remain in Ireland visiting relatives while majority continue tour, including stops in Paris, Rome, Oberammergau and back to Dublin. Also on trip are Sister Kathleen Mary O'Connell, R.S.M., Father George S. Wood, Guild moderator, and Father Paul G. Wohlrab. All will return to Rochester Airport at 6:29 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27.

