

# Farewell

## Hundreds Attend Bishop Casey's Final Rites

Paterson — Hundreds of people, clergy and laymen, from New Jersey and New York, attended the solemn final rites for Bishop Lawrence B. Casey last week. Bishop Casey, a native Rochesterian and former Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester, was buried on June 20. He died of cancer Wednesday, June 15, 1977.

At the Mass of Christian Burial, Msgr. Joseph Gallo remarked in the eulogy, "He was fully himself, even in the face of death, orchestrating the final

movements down to the last detail, scattering the gloom with the light of his humor."

The deceased prelate lay in state in his residence until the afternoon before the funeral Mass. On Sunday the body was taken to St. John's Cathedral. An honor guard of Knights of Columbus and Paterson policemen and firemen lined the walk as funeral attendants carried the coffin on their shoulders to a waiting hearse. A procession of 40 cars

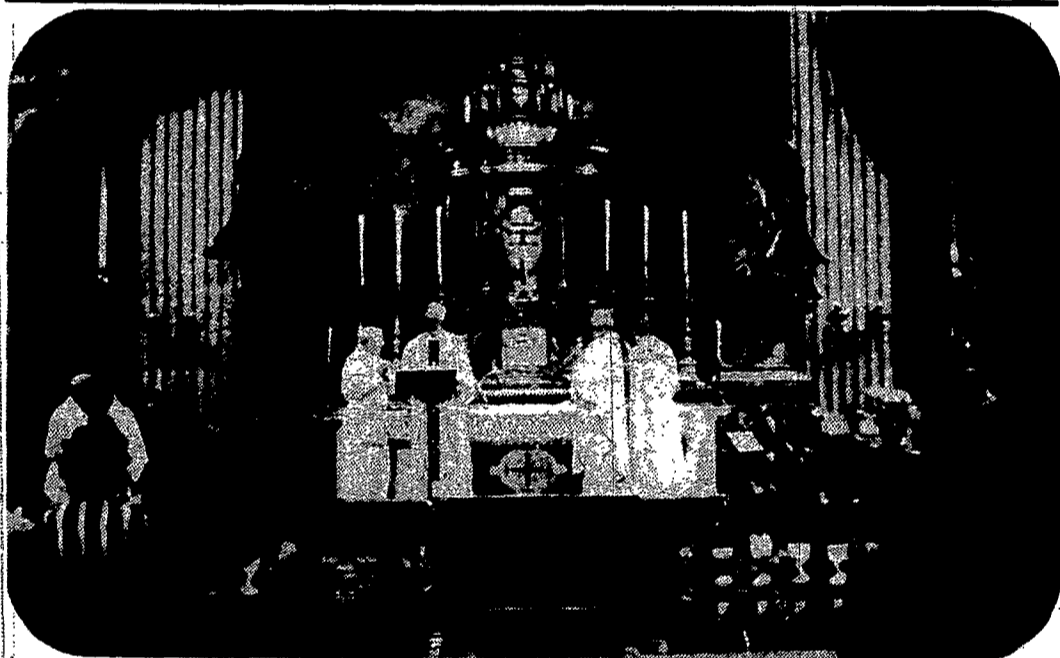
followed the hearse to the cathedral.

That day, a Bible service, recitation of the Holy Office, and Byzantine rites characterized the vigil.

Pope Paul sent a cable to the people of the Paterson diocese. The cable reads, "His Holiness invokes the reward of eternal joy in the Risen Christ upon Bishop Casey and to all who mourn in Christian hope he imparts his apostolic blessing in pledge of grace and strength."



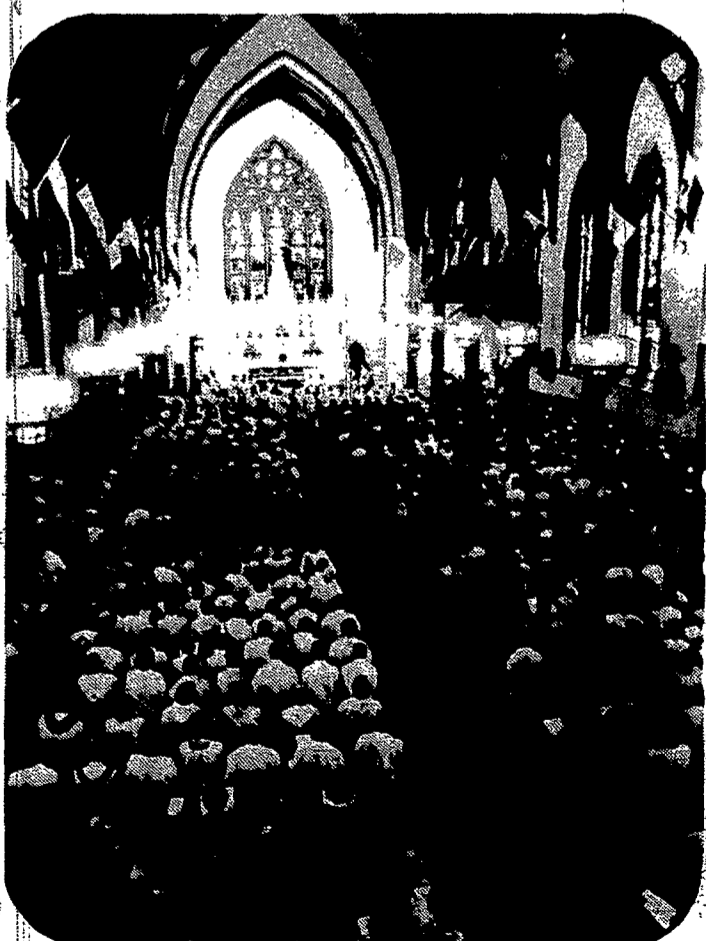
Rochester's Auxiliary Bishops John E. McCafferty and Dennis W. Hickey flank Auxiliary Bishop John Hackett of Hartford prior to the rites.



At St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, a special Mass was offered for Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, concelebrated by Bishops Joseph L. Hogan of Rochester and Francis Harrison of Syracuse with priests of their dioceses. The group was in Rome for the canonization of St. John Neumann.



Bishop Casey's body, in state, in the hallway of his residence.



The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Paterson's Cathedral of St. John the Baptist.



Archbishop Peter L. Gerety, at lectern, leads the final rites for Bishop Casey at Calvary Cemetery, Paterson.

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