

# Diocese Is Home For Many Bishops

By Father Robert McNamara

On the same day that Bishop Matthew H. Clark was ordained by Pope John Paul II to be Bishop of Rochester, the pontiff also ordained Bishop Thomas Larkin, a native of Mt. Morris, to be bishop of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Bishop Larkin's ordination brings to 18 the number of bishops contributed to the hierarchy of the Church from the counties of the Diocese of Rochester.

Although a diocese grows in numbers by baptisms and migration and puts up buildings by the generosity of its members, its production of men, who by the direct choice of the pope, the Vicar of Christ, are judged worthy to be "successor to the Apostles," must be ascribed to the special favor of Almighty God.

The bishops who were priests of this diocese are (in the order of their episcopal ordination):

Bishop Thomas A. Hendrick, 1903 (Cebu, Philippine Islands);

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, 1905 (Rochester);

Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, 1912 (San Francisco);

Bishop John Francis O'Hern, 1929 (Rochester);

Bishop Walter A. Foery, 1937 (Syracuse);

Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, 1953 (Rochester, then Paterson, N.J.);

Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, 1968 (Rochester);

Bishop John E. McCafferty, 1968 (Rochester);

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, 1969 (Rochester);

In addition, a number of bishops either were born or served within the diocesan counties:

Bishop John N. Neumann, CSSR, 1852 (Philadelphia);

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Its concerns are: the establishment and changing of dioceses, provinces, military vicariates and other jurisdictions; providing for the naming of bishops and other prelates; studying things concerning the persons, work

Bishop Bernard O'Reilly, 1850 (Hartford);

Bishop Francis X. Krautbauer, 1875 (Green Bay, Wisc.);

Bishop James Edward Quigley, 1896 (Buffalo, then Chicago);

Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, MM, (Korea);

Bishop Francis J. Green, 1953 (Tucson, Ariz.);

Bishop Nicolas D'Antonio Salza, OFM, 1966 (Olancho, Honduras);

Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, OP, 1977 (Washington, D.C.);

Bishop Thomas Larkin, 1979 (St. Petersburg, Fla.);

and pastoral activity of bishops; providing for the care of bishops when they leave office; receiving and studying reports on the conditions of dioceses; general supervision of the holding and recognition of particular councils and conferences of bishops; publishing and circulating pastoral norms and guidelines through conference of bishops.

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# MATTHEW H. CLARK

for a long, spiritual career in the Diocese of Rochester



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