

Seven Bishops

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chbishop Edward Mooney was named bishop.

EDWARD MOONEY (1933-1937)

Ordained in Rome in 1909, Archbishop Mooney came to the diocese already well known in the Catholic world as the apostolic delegate first to India and later to Japan.

• One of his first official acts was the calling of a Diocesan Synod to update the rules and disciplines of the local church.

• In the tradition of his predecessors, Archbishop Mooney also expanded the educational facilities of the diocese. In 1933, he established the Niagara University College of Business Administration in the Columbus Civic Center and brought in the Basilian Fathers to assume direction of Aquinas. During his reign, Archbishop Mooney also saw the Society of the Divine Word Missioners open a preparatory seminary at Hemlock Lake.

• He also inaugurated among Catholics an interracial movement, which sponsored, in 1936, a memorable interracial rally.

In 1937, the Diocese of Detroit was raised to archdiocesan status and Pope Pius XI named Archbishop Mooney to that see.

JAMES E. KEARNEY (1937-1966)

During Bishop Kearney's 31-year reign, his most notable development was "the expansion of higher education," as he himself acknowledged.

• During his tenure a new St. Andrew's Seminary was built and Becket Hall was founded for College seminarians. Nazareth College moved its campus to East Ave. and a men's college, St. John Fisher, long dreamed of, became a reality. The Franciscan Capuchins established a seminary in Geneva. The Friars of the Atonement built a seminary at Montour Falls. The Franciscan Fathers arrived in Watkins Glen and the Carmelite Fathers established a novitiate in Auburn.

• The Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance (Trappists) established a monastery in Piffard, the Order of St. Benedict a monastery in Elmira and the Capuchin Fathers a priory in Interlaken.

• Bishop Kearney also directed the Redemptorist Fathers to establish a retreat house in Canandaigua. This was followed by the establishment in Rochester of a house for the Religious of Our Lady of the Cenacle for retreats and devotions.

• Bishop Kearney also established St. Joseph's Villa, a cottage-plan institution for homeless children and



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children who need special supervision.

• He established the Daily Mass League at Our Lady of Victory Church.

In the last decade of his reign, which included the Vatican II years, he had an auxiliary, Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, a native son of the diocese who was Rochester's first auxiliary and who was bishop of Paterson at the time of his death in June 1977.

Bishop Kearney retired his office in 1966 at the age of 81. He continued, however, a ministry of preaching after his retirement. Bishop Kearney died Jan. 12, 1977.

FULTON J. SHEEN (1966-1969)

Bishop Sheen, later to be named Archbishop, is perhaps the country's best-known Catholic clergyman, in large measure due to his active use of television and radio on a national scale to preach the Gospel.

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