

Bishops' Comments

Bishop Clark:

"Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was a priest whose faith, energy and vision touched literally millions of persons. He was scholar, missionary, teacher and pastor; to each of these works he brought rare personal gifts and a deep love for all of the Lord's people.

"He was a pioneer in the work of communications and early realized the unique impact of radio, television and newspapers in delivering the message he lived. For nearly fifty years his work with the media brought him into millions of American hearts and homes. He was a figure known and loved across the nation.

"The affection with which he was regarded by persons of all faiths, together with his deep love for all humankind made him a most effective leader of the Church's mission arm, the Propagation of the Faith. Material and spiritual food came to millions through his zealous endeavor.

"Bishop Sheen brought his gifts and experience to Rochester when he came to Rochester as our sixth Bishop. A man in his 70s when he came here, he led the diocese on a fresh course, responding to the challenge presented by the Second Vatican Council.

"We shall all miss this man of faith, vision and courage. He was the source of immeasurable richness to citizens across our land. We are saddened by our loss but we remember that for Fulton Sheen, the man of faith, life was worth living because it was the beginning of what we now pray he enjoys in full, life with God.

Bishop Hogan:

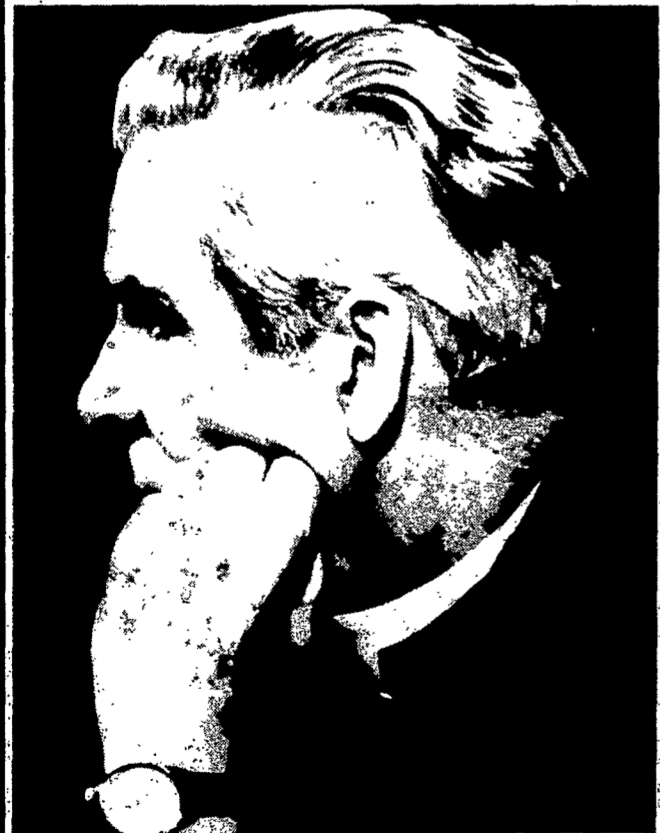
"I look upon him as a tireless apostle of the Gospel. Perhaps no one in the history of the Catholic Church did more in the cause of evangelization.

"Because of modern techniques of communications his voice literally reached every corner of the earth. As our national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, he personally visited every corner of the earth in his mission travels. He was a gifted philosopher, lecturer and author.

"Our diocese was blessed with his presence here as shepherd for three years and he has left us with a treasure of memories stored in the sheen Archives at the library at St. Bernard's Seminary.

"And behind the scenes of all his public per-

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formances he was a man deep in prayer. He recommended to his priests a daily holy hour and he lived that recommendation all his life. I shall remember him as a friend who encouraged and trusted me and as one whose priestly life inspired me greatly."

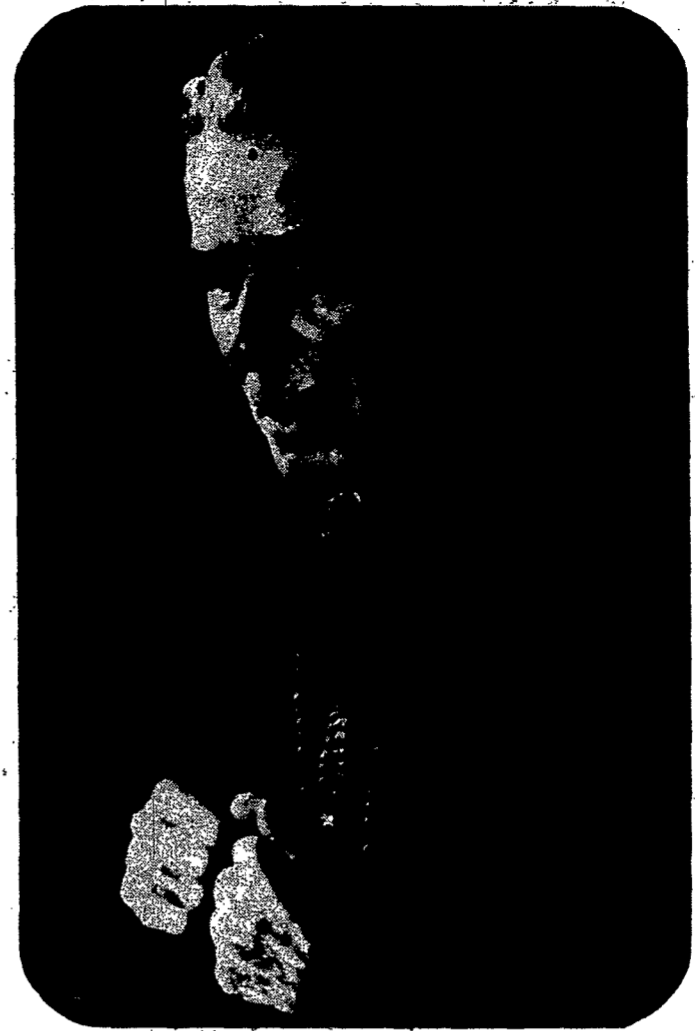
Bishop Hickey:

"I am saddened by the death of Archbishop Sheen. One of the greatest blessings of my life was the privilege of serving as his vicar general and being very closely associated with him during his three years in Rochester. His deep faith and generous use of his exceptional talents for the spreading of the Good News, his good humor in tense situations — all this will continue to be an inspiration for those who are called to the ministry."

Bishop McCafferty:

"Bishop Sheen was one of the great students and teachers of this century. He had a great faith in the Church, that is to say, in people of faith. He came to Rochester with high ideals and a firm resolve to bring the Church into the post Vatican era.

"His early efforts to do so established the renewal of Vatican II and gave the impetus to the fine progress which our diocese has made over the last two decades."

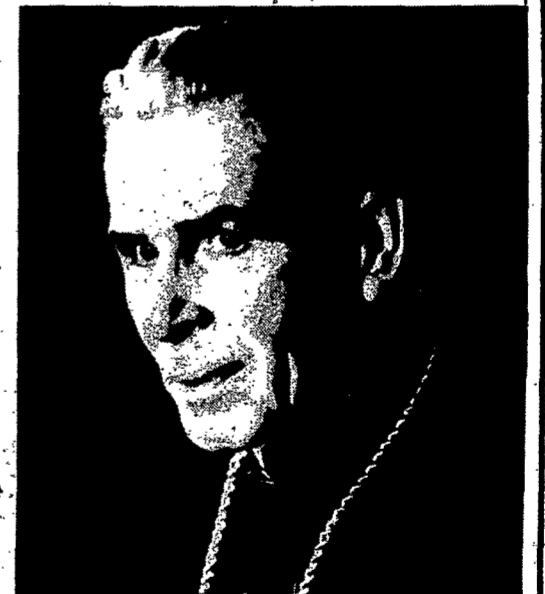


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