



Cardinal Terence Cooke at the sedilla during Bishop Clark's Mass.



The body of Archbishop Sheen lies in state in St. Patrick's Cathedral.



Bishop Clark raises his hands in prayer at the Rochester rites. Graphic montage by Terrance J. Brennan.

Diocese Pays Tribute To Archbishop Sheen

By John Dash

More than 300 persons gathered at Sacred Heart Cathedral last Tuesday evening to, in the words of Bishop Matthew H. Clark, "remember the goodness and the grace and the life" of

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, Bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969.

Archbishop Sheen died in New York City on Dec. 9, 1979.

In the homily at the

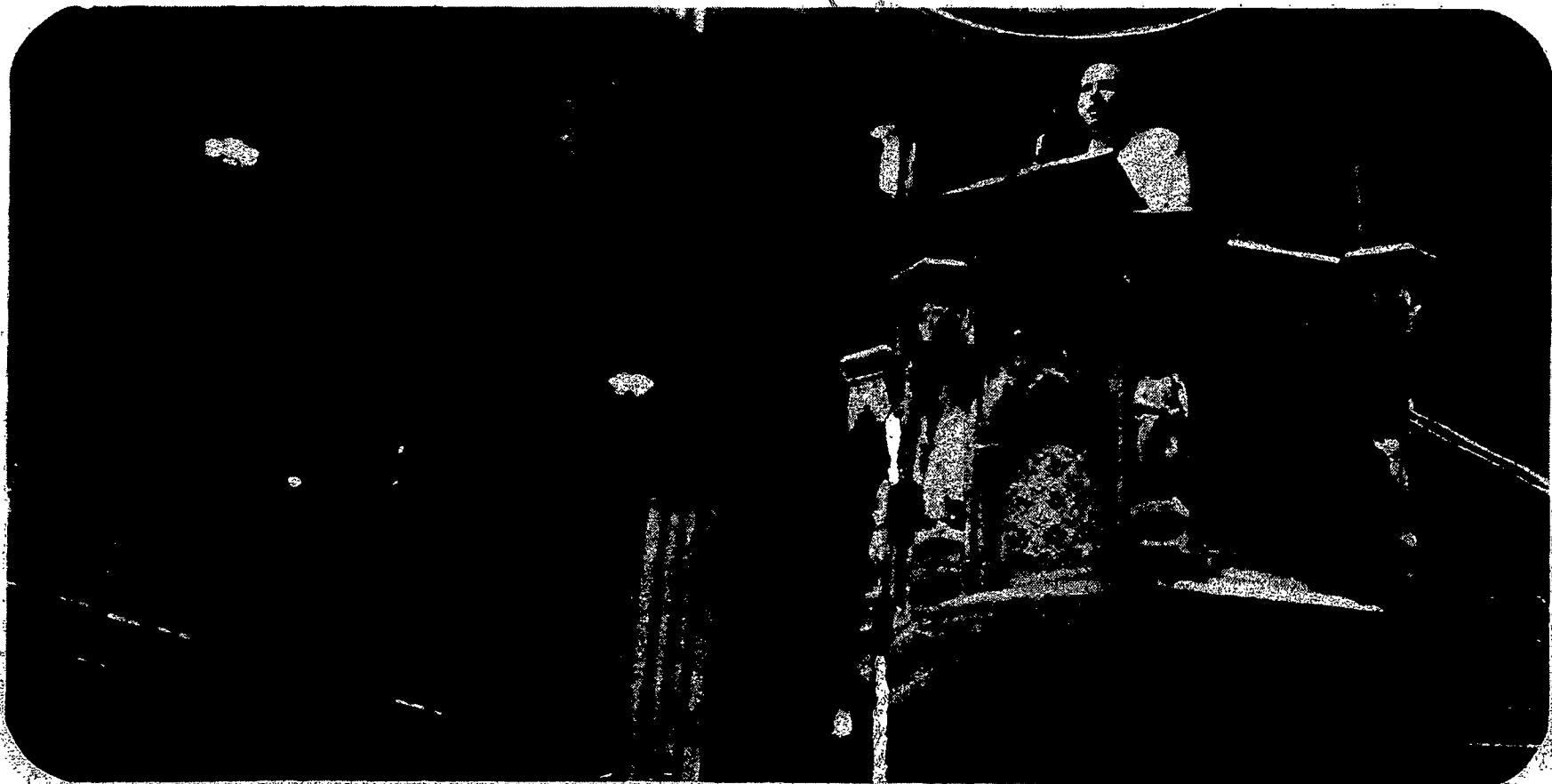
memorial Mass, Bishop Clark spoke at length on the role of the shepherd as it appears in the Bible and as it is understood in the Tradition of the Church.

"Bishops," he said, "make perennial on earth the work of the Good Shepherd;" and Archbishop Sheen was called to such a role.

He eulogized the archbishop as "a teacher without peer... in the history of the American Church," whose "mind brought light to thousands."

The memorial Mass was a quiet ceremony with simple hymns and, but for one reading, the texts of the day's Advent liturgy.

Also on Tuesday evening, in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Archbishop Edward O'Meara, the national director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, concelebrated a memorial Mass for Archbishop Sheen. The archbishop had been national director of the society prior to his Rochester appointment. Present at the rites were diocesan directors of the society, including Father Joseph Reinhart, chief of the Rochester Missions Office and a personal friend of the late archbishop.



Bishop Clark preaches from the St. Patrick's Cathedral pulpit.