

# Thousands Bid Farewell to Archbishop

New York— Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was entombed last Thursday beneath the high altar at St. Patrick's Cathedral following a funeral Mass which drew thousands of worshippers and a host of prelates.

The former Bishop of Rochester had lain in state for two days prior to the ceremonies which committed him to the Lord.

Among the five cardinals and 42 other bishops who concelebrated the funeral rites with Cardinal Terence Cooke were Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Archbishop Sheen's immediate successor in the Rochester see.

Also in attendance were

evangelist Billy Graham and Gov. Hugh Carey.

The homily was preached by Archbishop Edward O'Meara, Archbishop Sheen's successor as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Archbishop O'Meara said, "The Church throughout the world is his eternal debtor for the way he discharged," the duty of promoting the mission activities of the Church. "He gave missionaries all over the world a new sense of this vocation," Archbishop O'Meara said.

The evening before the Thursday rites, Bishop Clark presided at a concelebrated memorial Mass at St. Patrick's and preached the homily.

With him were Bishops Hickey and Hogan.



Billy Graham was one of the mourners.



Cardinal Cooke incenses the altar at the funeral Mass. With him is Father Michael Hogan, Archbishop Sheen's secretary while Bishop of Rochester.



Bishops Clark and Thomas Kelly confer prior to the ceremonies.



Father William Flynn, chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester, reads at the lectern.