



With Bishops Kearney, Hogan and Hickey.



The auxiliaries, Dennis W. Hickey, left and John E. McCafferty, right, and the ordinary, Bishop Hogan.



At the diocesan centennial celebration in 1968 in Elmira, with his longtime secretary, Father Thomas Wheeland, left; Msgr. Philip E. McGhan, and Msgr. Leo Schwab.

# Bishops' Statements

## BISHOP MATTHEW H. CLARK

Bishop McCafferty was above all things a loving and faithful servant of the Church. He shared generously with God's people the abundant gifts which were his. All of us were enriched by his keen intellect, his gentle and freeing humor and his remarkable ability to express in language the holiness of human life redeemed in Christ.

As in his life he communicated a spirit of joy, so in the days of his illness he was a source of peace to those with him.

I pray that the memory of the warmth and strength of his priestly ministry will be a source of renewed faith among us.

## BISHOP DENNIS W. HICKEY

The Diocese of Rochester suffers a great loss with the death of John E. McCafferty. It creates a real void in my own life since we were closely associated in ministry for more than 35 years. His intense faith, his loyalty to the Church and to the Holy See, his analytical mind, his love for people as God's children, his quick humor and ability to laugh at himself — all these characterized his priestly endeavors and identified him as a true man of God. The words of Christ: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve" were reflected throughout his priesthood not only at the diocesan level but especially at Sacred Heart Cathedral, which was so dear to his heart. May he rest in peace!

## BISHOP JOSEPH L. HOGAN

I share with all the people of the Diocese of Rochester a deep sense of loss on the death of Bishop McCafferty. His whole life bore eloquent testimony to his deep commitment to the Church and to Gospel values.

In the final months of his life he preached to all of us the blessing of patient endurance of the Cross of Christ, as he accepted his illness with calm and uncomplaining resignation.

I have been associated with him since our student days at St. Bernard's Seminary. It seemed evident to me, even then, that he was an unusually gifted person, destined for positions of great responsibility in the Church.

With the advice of seminary authorities Bishop Kearney selected him to pursue advance studies in Canon Law at the Catholic University of America, where he received his doctoral degree.

His talents were put to good use in a variety of capacities, in all of which he served most capably: Chairman of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, Officialis of the Marriage Tribunal, First President of the Priests' Council, and Rector of the Cathedral, where he served as a good and faithful pastor.

I offer my sincerest sympathy to his sister, Joan, the sole family survivor, and to the members of his special family, the parishioners of Sacred Heart Cathedral.

I wish to express my deepest gratitude to all who ministered to him in his final illness — the doctors and nurses at Rochester General, and the chaplain — and to the personnel of the Cathedral staff.

May God rest his noble soul.