

Genealogy

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state were links in the Carroll catena. The four Rochester bishops in this series were our first, second, third, and fifth ordinaries. Bishop Bernard McQuaid (1823-1909) was consecrated in 1868 by Archbishop John McCloskey, later America's first cardinal. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey (1861-1940) was consecrated coadjutor bishop of Rochester in 1905 by New York's fourth archbishop, Cardinal John M. Farley. New York's fifth archbishop, Cardinal Patrick J. Hayes, consecrated John F. O'Hern (1874-1933) in 1929 and James E. Kearney (1884-1977) in 1932.

Although the Carroll chain was very American, it derived ultimately from Rome. Archbishop Walmesley had been consecrated there in 1769 by Cardinal Marcello Lanti, who later ordained to the episcopate Pope Clement XIV, suppressor of John Carroll's beloved Society of Jesus. Three other bishops of Rochester — Edward Mooney, Fulton J. Sheen and Matthew H. Clark — received their episcopal orders in Rome itself.

Mooney (1882-1958) happened to be working in Rome in 1926 as spiritual director of the North American College when Pope Pius XI decided to appoint him a titular archbishop and apostolic delegate to India. The archbishop-elect invited the head of the Catholic Missions Congregation, Holland-born Willem Van Rossum, CSSR, to administer the sacrament. Van Rossum himself had been consecrated by Pope St. Pius X. Archbishop Mooney served in Japan after India, and then became bishop of Rochester in 1933. In 1937 he was appointed archbishop of Detroit and received the red hat of the cardinalate in 1946.

When Fulton J. Sheen (1865-1979) was designated in 1951 to serve as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, he chose to go to Rome to receive his episcopal orders. He was consecrated by Cardinal Adeodato Piazza, and later served as bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969.

Cardinal Piazza, a Carmelite, also consecrated Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, who in turn consecrated three other Rochester bishops during his tenure as apostolic delegate to the United States (1967-1973). In a single ceremony in

1968, he conferred the episcopate upon two auxiliary bishops, John E. McCaffery (1920-1980) and our current vicar general, Dennis W. Hickey. One year later Archbishop Raimondi returned to Rochester to consecrate the seventh bishop of Rochester, Joseph L. Hogan, who retired in 1979.

An earlier auxiliary bishop of Rochester, Lawrence B. Casey (1905-1977), had introduced yet another succession into the Rochester diocese. He was consecrated in 1953 by Cardinal Francis J. Spellman of New York. Cardinal Spellman was one of many American bishops-elect to receive their episcopal orders from Pope Pius XII. Bishop Casey later served as bishop of Patterson, N.J., from 1966-1977.

Like Cardinal Mooney before him, Bishop Matthew H. Clark was serving as spiritual director of the North American College when he received his episcopal orders. Bishop Clark, the eighth bishop of Rochester, was among a large group of prelates consecrated by Pope John Paul II in 1979. His immediate episcopal ancestry, therefore, is largely Polish.

John Paul II, as Karol Wojtyla, had been consecrated in a Polish train of orders. Eugene Baziak, archbishop of Lwow, raised Wojtyla to the episcopacy as auxiliary bishop of Krakow in 1958. Baziak and his two predecessors at Lwow — Archbishops Twardowski and Bilczewski — had also been consecrated in Poland. But Poland's ties with the Holy City have always been close, and Bilczewski's consecrator, Jan Puzyna, the cardinal-archbishop of Krakow, had received his episcopal orders in the Eternal City in 1886.

The tree of episcopal lineage is confusing but so are most charts of family genealogy. Taken together, the branches of this tree show clearly that our Rochester bishops share in the gift of apostolic succession in holy orders. Furthermore, the succession is of great value historically, dating back to the days of the Great Western Schism.

Some of the consecrating bishops in this chain may be largely forgotten, but there are 15 popes in the group. Renaissance popes like Sixtus IV, Julius II, Leo X and Clement VII have been judged unfavorably by history. Offsetting these debatable men, however, are two canonized saints, Pope St. Pius V and Pope St. Pius X. Pope Pius IX also has been proposed for canonization, as has Archbishop

Joseph Bilczewski of Lwow.

A few on the chart are remembered for political reasons. Thus, Puzyna was the cardinal who shocked the cardinal-electors of 1903 by imposing the imperial veto against papal candidate Cardinal Mariano Rampolla, in the name of Austrian Emperor Franz Joseph. Cardinal York of Frascati, Italy, was Henry Benedict Stuart (1725-1807), the grandson of England's last Catholic king, James II. The popes had declared the cardinal's father to be James III, rightful king of England; Henry's brother, "Bonnie" Prince Charles, however, was unable to win Church support for his claim to the throne.

Henry Benedict never actively pursued the crown, deciding instead on a career in the Church. Nevertheless, after Charles died in 1788, the pro-Stuart Jacobites referred to Cardinal York as "Henry IX, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland."

Finally, a notable American link in this chain of bishops was John Cheverus, the able

and beloved exile from the French Revolution. After serving as the popular bishop of Boston from 1808 to 1823, Cheverus returned to France out of a sense of duty to the restored monarchy. He ended up a peer of France, counselor of state and cardinal-archbishop of Bordeaux.

In considering episcopal succession, we must not make the mistake of viewing these pedigrees of valid consecration as mere distinctions like patents of nobility. Consecration is given to the bishops not for their own vain-glory, but for the benefit of the whole Church. Because of this gift, they are able to serve the people of God.

Through these orders, too, the bishops are able to guarantee to the faithful the celebration of valid Eucharists. Whenever priests ordained by these bishops exercise their powers to consecrate bread and wine, we are swept back to the Cenacle scene of Holy Thursday, and we recognize Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Board of Education plays a consultative role

Bishop Matthew H. Clark established the Diocesan Board of Education as a consultative body for himself and for the Division of Education regarding matters of the teaching mission of the Church. This board provides an opportunity for a representative group of diocesan people to address the needs and priorities of the educational ministries. The board recommends policies to the bishop, who then governs these ministries and reviews and evaluates the decisions made by the director of the Division of Education in following the priorities and implementation of board policies.

Since January, 1983, the board has addressed the following issues: a review of the policy for financial support from parishes without schools; development and implementation of a policy for Catechist Formation — Faith Enrichment; a study of the process for school planning; development of a policy on AIDS for Catholic schools; development and implementation of Project Hope for financial assistance to families in Catholic schools; and research and study of a marketing program

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Goals and projects, which are outlined for next year, include working cooperatively with the Bishop's Implementation Committee to seek new ways to fund Catholic schools; a review of educational personnel policies in conjunction with the Diocesan Personnel Commission; a study and review of programs for Religious Education for young people in grades seven through 12 in conjunction with the Department of Youth Ministry.

The board consists of Joan Countryman, chairman; Peter Spinelli, vice-chairman; and Nancy Marvin, corresponding secretary. Richard Ernst and Sam King are additional members of the Executive Committee. Other members of the board are Margaret Cannon, Lola DeJohn, Marilyn Dewey, Father Joseph Donovan, Father Emmett Halloran and Michael Stapleton.

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