

125TH ANNIVERSARY SYNOD

Bishops

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to operate Aquinas Institute and granted them permission to establish a future men's college (accomplished in 1951 with the opening of St. John Fisher College); negotiated the Eastman Kodak Company's purchase of the former St. Patrick Cathedral; and promoted Catholic interracial efforts.

At Cardinal Mooney's installation as Archbishop of Detroit on Aug. 3, 1937, James E. Kearney, bishop of Salt Lake, Utah, was revealed as his successor to the Rochester see.

A native of Red Oak, Iowa, Bishop Kearney had been ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York Sept. 19, 1908. He served in the New York City area until his 1932 appointment to Salt Lake, remaining there until being named to lead the Rochester diocese.

In Rochester, Bishop Kearney oversaw the founding of St. John Fisher College; the moving of Nazareth College to its current campus; and the construction of a new St. Andrew's Seminary building (now the diocesan Pastoral Center).

At Bishop Kearney's request, the Redemptorist Fathers built Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua. He also permitted the Cistercians to build the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard and the Benedictines to establish Mount Saviour Monastery in Pine City, near Elmira. He also established St. Joseph's Villa for homeless children and those in need of supervision.

Bishop Kearney retired in 1966 at the age of 81. He continued to serve in the diocese until his death on Jan. 12, 1977.

When Bishop Kearney retired, Pope Paul VI named Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen as Bishop of Rochester.

Born May 8, 1895 in El Paso, Ill., Archbishop Sheen was ordained a priest of the Peoria diocese on Sept. 20, 1921. He was sent for higher studies, and eventually joined the faculty of the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. He served at CUA from 1926-50, gaining a reputation as a speaker and writer.

That reputation was enhanced by his radio and television programs.

Archbishop Sheen — at the time a bishop — served as national head of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 until his appointment to Rochester.

Installed Dec. 15, 1966, Archbishop Sheen soon became involved in reorganizing the diocese's administrative structure by creating "vicariates" to oversee specific ministerial functions.

In Rochester, Archbishop Sheen authorized establishment of the Priests' Senate (now the Priests' Council); sought the aid of laymen to oversee diocesan finances; promoted ecumenism; and forged links between St. Bernard's Seminary and the Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Archbishop Sheen's sudden 1969 resignation at age 75 was as much of a surprise as was his initial assignment to Rochester.

Following his resignation, he was named archbishop of the titular see of Newport in Wales. Until his death on Dec. 9, 1979, he kept busy with writing, teaching and lecturing.

Archbishop Sheen's successor was Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. Born March 11, 1916, in Lima, N.Y., Bishop Hogan was a graduate of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained a priest June 6, 1942.

Prior to becoming bishop, he spent much of his priestly career teaching at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and Geneva's DeSales High School. He was also the first rector of Becket Hall, at the time a seminary program located at St. John Fisher Col-

lege.

Following his installation as Bishop of Rochester on Nov. 28, 1969, Bishop Hogan gained a reputation as one who was willing to face controversy. He called for amnesty of Vietnam War protesters; disagreed with the Vatican over the ordination of women and married men; and began the process that led to St. Bernard's Seminary's closing.

Bishop Hogan also instituted the permanent diaconate in the diocese; entered into a covenant with the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester; and wrote a 1975 pastoral letter outlining his vision of the Catholic Church. That document, *You Are Living Stones*, became a teaching document in colleges and dioceses around the country.

Due to ill health, Bishop Hogan resigned as Bishop of Rochester Nov. 28, 1978. He has remained active, however, assisting at parishes and performing confirmations.

In selecting a new Bishop of Rochester, Pope John Paul II turned to the North American College in Rome, and chose then-Father Matthew H. Clark. An Albany native, the priest was serving as spiritual director of the college, having studied there as well as at St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

Bishop Clark was installed as the Bishop of Rochester June 26, 1979.

During his 14 years in the diocese, Bishop Clark has brought a sense of informality and youth to his duties — from his regular jogging to his camping with diocesan representatives at World Youth Day in Denver this August.

Bishop Clark has also sought to prepare the diocese for the future, transforming Catholic schools from a parish-based to a diocesan system; bringing more lay people into supervisory roles in diocesan operations; decentralizing social ministry to create offices in the diocese's Finger Lakes and Southern Tier regions; and beginning the Thanks Giving Appeal to fund diocesan operations in place of an annual "tax" (*cathedraticum*) on parish incomes.

Since publishing his 1983 letter on women in the church, *Fire in the Thornbush*, Bishop Clark has been recognized nationally for his openness about discussing women's roles in the church.

Bishop Clark's vision of the diocese and its future was perhaps best expressed in his June 17, 1990, letter calling for a synod to coincide with the diocese's 125th anniversary this year.

"My hope for our Seventh Synod," Bishop Clark wrote, "is that it will build from the grassroots, that it will involve as many people as possible in the discussions, that it will address some of the outstanding issues which face us as a local church, and that it will arrive at specific and measurable recommendations for action, to which we will commit our energies and our resources."



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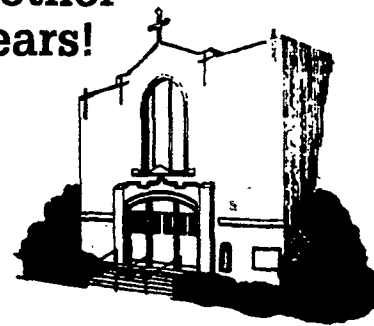
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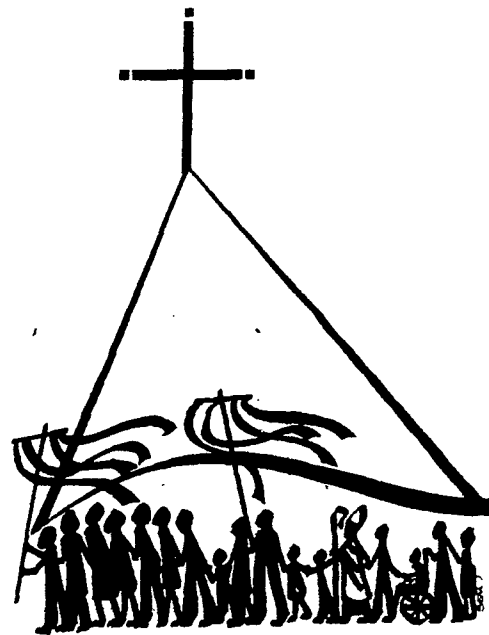
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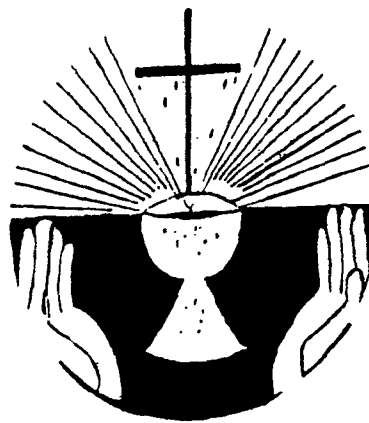
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