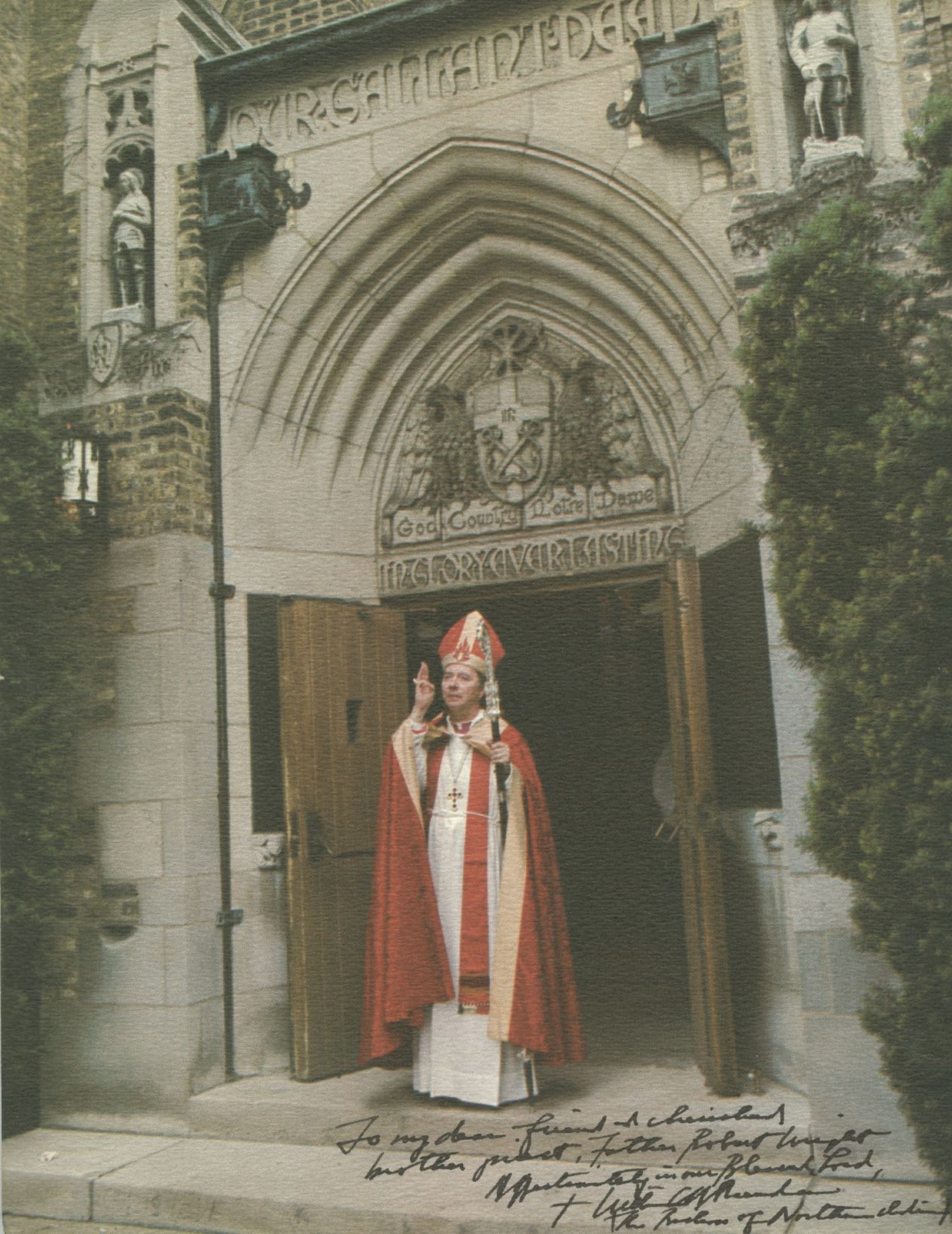


*The
Ordination
and
Consecration
of the Rt. Rev.
William C. R.
Sheridan
S.T.M., D.D.*

as a

*Bishop in the Church of God
and Chief Pastor of
the Diocese of Northern Indiana.*

THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART,
THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC,
NOTRE DAME, INDIANA,
ON THE
FEAST OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, A.D. 1972.



To my dear friend & cherished
brother priest, Father Robert Wright
Affectionately in our blessed Lord,
+ with all reverence
The Bishop of Northern Indiana

In the sacristy Bishop Bennison impresses his seal of the Diocese of Western Michigan on the official Letter of Consecration as Canon Guilbert, Bishop Montgomery, and deputy registrar Col. Gray look on.



The office of bishop is one of the three Holy Orders recognized by the Episcopal Church as having been in the Church from the Apostles' time. The bishop is ordained to be the chief priest and pastor of his diocese.

The Rt. Rev. William C. R. Sheridan, S.T.M., D.D., was consecrated fifth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana in the 101 year old Sacred Heart Church on the campus of the University of Notre Dame on the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Chief Consecrator was the Rt. Rev. Walter C. Klein, retired fourth bishop of Northern Indiana, and Co-consecrators were the Rt. Rev. James W. Montgomery, Bishop of Chicago, and the Rt. Rev. Francis C. Rowinski, Bishop of the Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church, which is in communion with the Episcopal Church.

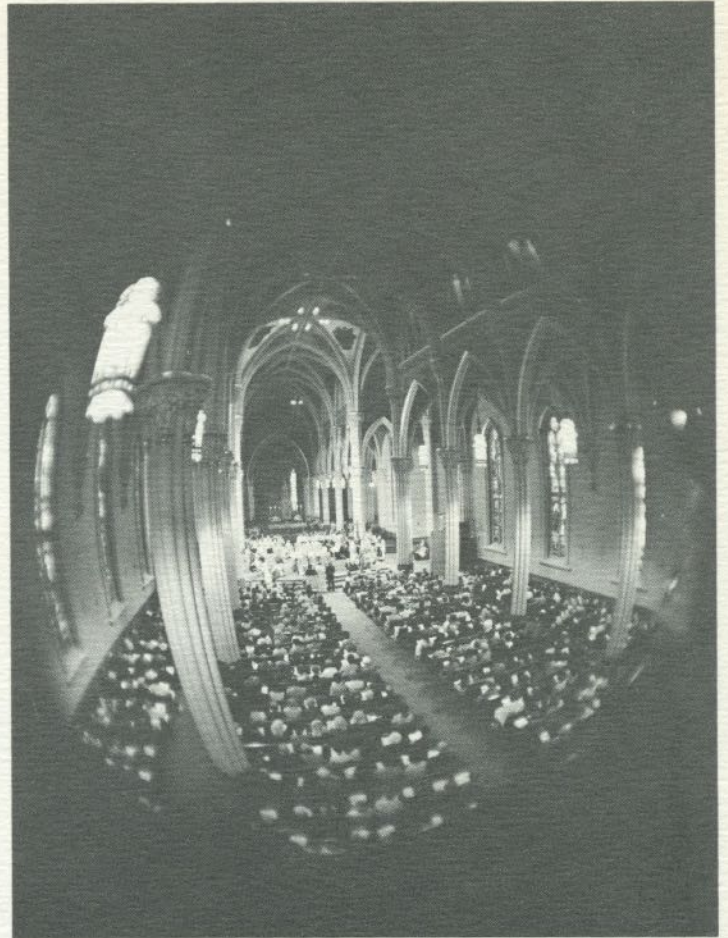
In order to accommodate more people than any Episcopal church in the area could, the Roman Catholic church was used, with the permission of the Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend, and was hailed by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., University president, as "a sign of ecumenical maturity." Bishop Pursley and his auxiliary bishop, the Rt. Rev. Joseph R. Crowley, were in the procession and seated in the sanctuary. Representing the



The Bishop-elect goes over last minute instructions in the sacristy with Fr. Clark, Fr. J. Curtis, and Fr. Grant before the procession.



The first and second sections of the procession of 250 civic, educational, and church leaders formed in the Administration Building.



A fish-eye camera shot shows the view of the capacity crowd of 1200 from the choir gallery as the presentors stand beside the Bishop-elect.

Orthodox Church was the Most Rev. John, Archbishop of Chicago and Minneapolis, Orthodox Church in America. Other religious leaders from the city and state were included and took part in the procession.

Bishop Klein acted as Chief Consecrator on behalf of the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. John E. Hines, who was in Washington, D.C., conferring the Clergyman of the Year award, which he won last year, on this year's recipient, Fr. Hesburgh.

The Bishop-elect, the ministers of the Consecration, and visiting bishops, who formed the

third section of the procession, entered from the sacristy, heralded by a fanfare of trumpets. The Bishop-elect had chosen to use the consecration rite adopted by the Episcopal Church in 1970 for trial use, set in the context of the Holy Eucharist according to the second trial use rite. The Bishop-elect was presented to the Chief Consecrator by a priest, the Rev. Canon Richard A. Curtis, chaplain of Howe Military School, and a layman of the diocese, Mr. Dan A. Gibson of St. Thomas' Church, Plymouth, where the Bishop-elect had served as rector since 1947. Testimonials to his election were read by the chancellor, the Hon. Charles M. Boynton; the Rev. Carl H. Richardson

of Elkhart; the Rt. Rev. John P. Craine, Bishop of Indianapolis; and the Rev. Robert J. Center of Michigan City, president of the Standing Committee of the diocese. The Bishop-elect then promised conformity and obedience to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of the Episcopal Church. By this promise he acknowledged that he is a man under authority and that his own authority over his diocese is bound up with his submission to the Faith and Order of the Episcopal Church. He is charged to preach and defend that Faith and to administer that Order.

Bishop Klein then presented the Bishop-elect to the congregation for their assent, which they

expressed in the ancient, traditional formula, "He is worthy!"

The Bishop asked the congregation's prayers for the Bishop-elect, and then the Litany for the Ministry of the Church was led by the Rev. Paul M. Ross of Elkhart. The Mass continued with readings from Holy Scripture by Mr. Lewis F. Cole of Marion, Mrs. Orville W. Nichols, Jr., of Knox, and the Rev. Michael Grant of East Chicago.

The Rt. Rev. Arthur A. Vogel, Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of West Missouri, preached the sermon for the Consecration, which followed

The Bishop-elect stands before the Chief Consecrator and Co-consecrators as the testimonials of election are read.



After the readings from Holy Scripture, Bishop Vogel delivers the sermon, ending with a charge to the Bishop-elect.



After interrogation by the examining bishops, the Co-consecrators stand while the Bishop-elect leads the congregation in the Nicene Creed. The Bishop of the Virgin Islands, the Rt. Rev. Edward M. Turner, is seen at the far left in the picture.

next. In his charge to the Bishop-elect, Bishop Vogel said an apostle "lives deeply for others. A bishop is a companion of Christ in the community in a special way. He is the center of community because of God's gift in consecration. A bishop is a companion of Christ for others. God's grace, God's gift be yours, and peace. May you be a true companion of Christ for others."

The sermon was followed by a public interrogation of the Bishop-elect by the examining bishops, the Rt. Rev. Edward M. Turner of the Virgin Islands; the Rt. Rev. Donald H. V. Hallock of Milwaukee; the Rt. Rev. W. Paul Barnds, Suffragan Bishop of Dallas; the Rt. Rev. William H.



Folwell of Central Florida; the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison of Western Michigan; and the Rt. Rev. Albert A. Chambers of Springfield. The Bishop-elect then led the congregation in confessing the faith by reciting the Nicene Creed. Soon to be a chief "guardian of the Church's faith," it was appropriate that he lead his people in the formal expression of that faith. The Nicene Creed is the ecumenical symbol of the Catholic Faith adopted by the first ecumenical councils of Nicaea in A.D. 325 and Constantinople in A.D. 380. Its profession at this service asserted our unity in the Faith of the whole Church.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit for the sacramental action by the traditional hymn, *Veni*

The Episcopal bishops present lay their hands on the Bishop-elect as he is consecrated a bishop.



Bishop Klein places the mitre on the head of his successor.

This prayer is the oldest Christian prayer for the purpose that has been preserved and dates from the end of the second century. It has also been introduced by the Roman Catholic Church into its new service for the ordination of a bishop. Its use at this service was, therefore, of some ecumenical interest. Other Episcopal bishops who took part in the laying on of hands included the Rt. Rev. Stanley H. Atkins of Eau Claire and the Rt. Rev. Jonathan G. Sherman of Long Island.

Bishop Sheridan was then solemnly vested with the insignia of his order by the Rev. Eugene O. Douglass of Hammond and the Rev. Forrest B.

Creator Spiritus, was sung responsively by Bishop Klein and the congregation without accompaniment, introducing the actual consecration. Bishop Klein was joined by the Co-consecrators and other bishops present in laying hands on the head of the Bishop-elect while asking for the power of the Spirit to be bestowed on him as a successor to the Apostles and so ordaining and consecrating him a bishop in the Holy Catholic Church of God.

“Pour out now upon William the power of that princely Spirit whom you bestowed upon your beloved Son Jesus Christ, with whom he endowed the Apostles, and by whom your Church is built up in every place, to the glory and unceasing praise of your name.”



The new Bishop of Northern Indiana is presented to his people for their applause.



Bishop Pursley and his auxiliary bishop, the Rt. Rev. Joseph R. Crowley, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, join Bishop Sheridan in the sacristy after the Consecration.

Rev. Anthony Damron, O.S.B., prior of St. Gregory's Abbey. Mr. David Sparkes, organist-choir-master of the Cathedral, arranged music for the service and was assisted by Mr. Darwin Leitz of Trinity Church, Fort Wayne.

Master of Ceremonies was the Rev. James G. Greer, Jr., of Goshen; marshals were the Rev. Paul E. Leatherbury of South Bend, the Rev. Charles A. Sunderland of Chesterton, and the Rev. John C. Hughes of Long Beach. The Rev. William C. Hibbert was sacristan, and attending presbyters were the Rev. Bruce B. Mosier of Jones, Mich.; the Rev. Aquilino M. Vinas-Plasencia of Gary; and the Rev. Thad B. Rudd of Van Buren, Ark. Chaplain to Bishop Klein was the Rev. B. Linford Eyrick of LaPorte, and Mr. Gerald W. Raschke was thurifer. The Rev. Canon Charles M. Guilbert, S.T.D., New York, represented the executive council of the national church as registrar, and Col. Joseph A. Gray, U.S.M.C. (Ret.), of Syracuse was deputy registrar.

Superiors of Anglican religious orders, including Order of the Holy Cross; Society of St. Paul; Order of St. Benedict, for men; Community of the Holy Spirit; Order of St. Anne; Order of St. Helena; Community of the Transfiguration; Community of St. Mary; and Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, for women, attended with other representatives of their communities.



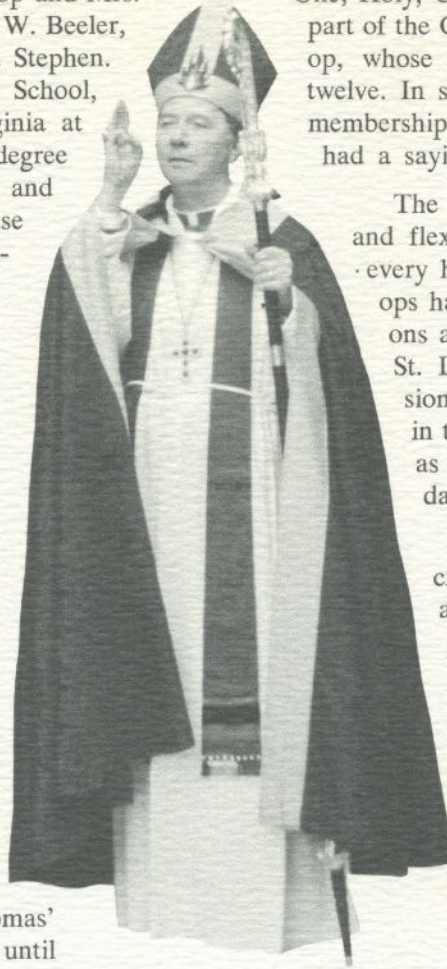
Bishop Sheridan and Bishop Crowley share a laugh with the Most Rev. John, Archbishop of Chicago and Minneapolis, Orthodox Church of America.

OUR BISHOP — A PROFILE

The Rt. Rev. William C. R. Sheridan, S.T.M., D.D., was born in New York City in 1917 and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. He is married to the former Miss Rudith Treder of Wisconsin. Bishop and Mrs. Sheridan have five children; Mrs. Allen W. Beeler, Mrs. Gerald Wilson, Mary, Peter, and Stephen. The Bishop graduated from St. Paul's School, Baltimore, and the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. He received his B.A. degree from Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis., and his B.D. degree from Nashotah House Seminary, Nashotah, Wis. Bishop Sheridan also received a Certificate from the Graduate School of Theology from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame as well as the degree of Master of Theology from Nashotah House. The latter school also awarded him an honorary D.D.

The Bishop was ordained to the diaconate in 1942 by the Rt. Rev. Nobel C. Powell of Baltimore and advanced to the priesthood the following year. After serving as a summer supply priest at Mt. Calvary Church, Baltimore, and as a curate at St. Paul's Church, Chicago, where he was also priest in charge of Emmanuel Church, LaGrange, Ill., he became rector of Gethsemane Church, Marion, in 1944, with responsibility for St. Paul's Church, Gas City. In 1947 Bishop Sheridan became rector of St. Thomas' Church, Plymouth, where he has served until his episcopal election. During his rectorate at Plymouth he was also a sometime chaplain to Culver Military Academy, Culver, Indiana.

He is author of "For High School Boys Only"; "Journey to the Priesthood"; and "Between Catholics", a book of information about Anglicans for Roman Catholics.



THE ROLE OF THE BISHOP

The bishops are "the bond of union which links the Church together in time and space." In time, bishops are the *visible* sign of the continuity of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. Every part of the Catholic Church is governed by a bishop, whose descent goes back to the apostolic twelve. In space, bishops are the *visible* sign of membership in the Church. The primitive Church had a saying: "No Bishop — No Church."

The episcopate itself is amazingly resilient and flexible. It has adapted itself to almost every human and historical situation. "Bishops have been kings and slaves; feudal barons and wandering nomads; statesmen like St. Leo; philosophers like Berkeley; missionaries like St. Patrick . . . hereditary, as in the early Armenian Church, or monks, as throughout the Eastern Churches today."

In times past there have been autocratic bishops, constitutional bishops, and bishops without any governing power to speak of. I am firmly convinced that the best concept of the office of Bishop today is found precisely in the Book of Common Prayer. The Bishop is addressed at such solemn occasions as ordinations and confirmations as "Reverend Father in God." *This* expresses my ideal exactly — the loving Father of the Diocesan Family. He is to be the Pastor of the pastors and the father of the diocesan flock, under God. He is to *share* deeply in the happiness and the agony of this "Household of God"! The word *share* is all important. A Father in God must be quick to inspire *others* — priests and laymen — in order that they also will carry the opportunities and burdens of the Gospel and Church into life itself.

✠ WILLIAM C. R. SHERIDAN
Bishop of Northern Indiana

List of Gifts to the Bishop

PASTORAL STAFF (*crozier*): *The Diocesan Family.*

BISHOP'S CASSOCK and OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS: *Diocesan Priests.*

THE BISHOP'S RING: *An inheritance from the Diocese worn previously by the Rt. Rev. Campbell Gray (2nd Bishop of Northern Indiana and the Rt. Rev. Reginald Mallett (3rd Bishop of Northern Indiana).*

RED COPE AND MITER (*for Holy Confirmations and Holy Ordinations, Pentecost, etc.*) *From fellow priests who graduated from Nashotah House with Bishop Sheridan*

. . . and from a Plymouth friend.

CHAIN FOR PECTORAL CROSS: *The Most Rev. Leo A. Pursley D.D., Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.*

PECTORAL CROSS: *From fellow alumni of Bishop Sheridan of Saint Paul's School, Baltimore, Maryland and from Ecumenical friends from Plymouth and Marshall County.*

LINEN MITER (*for funerals*): *From a priest friend of the Diocese of Indianapolis.*

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana met immediately after the consecration of the Rt. Rev. William C. R. Sheridan as fifth bishop of the diocese at Sacred Heart Church, University of Notre Dame, Saturday morning and passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is almost impossible to describe the many kindnesses of the Congregation of the Holy Cross — let alone express gratitude on this occasion; not only has the Congregation loaned this beautiful Church of the Sacred Heart, they have also provided linens, chalices, vestments, etc., all with the most touching graciousness and concern.

RESOLVED, that the Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Indiana, on behalf of the Diocese, express its deep appreciation to the President of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and his associates for the consecration on June 24th, 1972, of the Rt. Rev. William C. R. Sheridan as fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Indiana.

The full color portrait of our new Father in God, shown blessing the city of South Bend, is a gift to the Diocesan Family. Two Ecumenical friends from Marshall County wished to share the picture with their brothers in Christ in the Episcopal Church.