

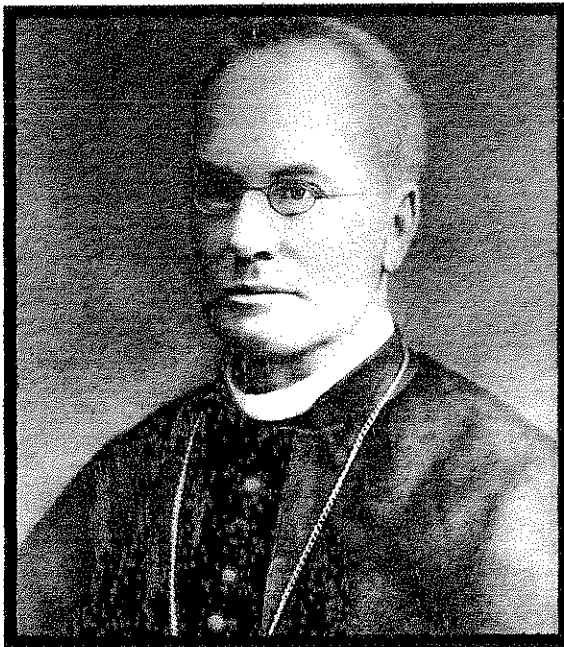
## DIOCESE OF OGDENSBURG ERAS OF FOURTEEN BISHOPS

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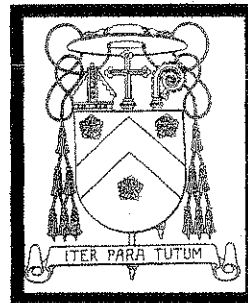
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February 16, 1872 - Pope Pius IX established the Diocese of Ogdensburg, including all of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, Jefferson, Lewis, and Essex counties and that part of Hamilton and Herkimer counties above the northern lines of Ohio and Russia. 12,036 sq. mi., 38 parishes, 40 priests, for approximately 19,000 Catholics of the 290,000 population in the eight counties.

### FIRST BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1872-1891) THE MOST REVEREND EDGAR (PRINDLE) PHILIP WADHAMS (1817-91)



**Most Reverend Edgar P. Wadhams (1817-1891)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (1872-1891)**



*Iter Para Tutum*

*Prepare a Safe Journey*

The motto of Bishop Wadhams, taken from *Ave Maris Stella*, indicated his dependence on Mary, Star of the Sea.

His coat of arms was modeled on that of the English Wadhams family -- a red shield with three silver roses. The shield was surmounted by a pontifical hat, *gallero*, with six tassels in three rows, all in green, the heraldic insignia of a prelate. A processional cross, crosier, and bishop's mitre completed the external ornaments.

- Born: Town of Lewis, Essex County, May 21, 1817
- Parents: Brigadier-General Luman and Lucy Bostwick Prindle Wadhams, Presbyterians
- Education: Shoreham Academy, VT; Middlebury College, VT; General Theological Seminary, NYC
- Ordained Episcopalian Deacon, 1843.
- Baptized Catholic, June 1846. St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md.
- Ordained to Priesthood: January 15, 1850 by Bishop John McCloskey, First Bishop of Albany
- Rector, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany. Dedicated, November 21, 1852
- Vicar General for Bishop John J. Conroy, Albany
- Letter of Appointment to new See of Ogdensburg: February 25, 1872
- Ordained Bishop: May 5, 1872 by Archbishop John McCloskey, NY, assisted by Bishop Louis de Goesbriand, Burlington and Bishop John Williams, Boston, at Albany's Cathedral
- Installation as First Bishop of Ogdensburg at old St. Mary's Cathedral, Franklin Street, Ogdensburg, May 16, 1872 in the presence of Bishop Bernard McQuaid of Rochester
  - Reverend James Mackey of St. Mary's spoke, "God knows I needed help, but could not get it. At last a coadjutor has arrived and now things will go on better."

- Death. December 5, 1891, Episcopal Residence, Washington Street, Ogdensburg
- Funeral: December 9, 1891. St. Maryse Cathedral. Archbishop Michael A. Corrigan
- Burial: Crypt below old St. Mary's Cathedral, Franklin Street until the church burned in November 1947. Recovered coffin interred in crypt of new St. Mary's Cathedral, 1952.

#### A. Some Challenges:

1. Lack of Clergy (Majority from Canada and Ireland)—Fr. Scanlon, only native of NNY
2. Travel over vast region – horse, trains
3. Need for Religious: Sisters of Charity of Ottawa, Clerics of St. Viator (Ogdensburg), Sisters of Mercy (Malone), Augustinians (Carthage), Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (Watertown), Sisters of St. Joseph (Watertown), Franciscans (Croghan)
4. Problems with Pastors:
  - Father James Mackey, *Pope of the North Country*, Cathedral Property Deeds
  - Fr. Nolan (Churubusco) refusal to surrender church keys 1880
  - Father John Craven (Constableville) indicted for murder 1881
5. Conflicts over Parish Boundaries (Cadyville/Redford)
6. French/Irish Conflicts - Parish membership
7. Dissension over Coadjutor Bishop (French opposition to Msgr. Thomas E. Walsh, V.G.)
8. Poverty, diocesan debts (Plenary Council of Baltimore, 1884)
9. Critical illness and miracle 1885
10. First Diocesan Synod, July 13, 1875

#### B. Statistics in 1891 – End of Bishop Wadhams's Era

- 65 parishes with resident pastors, 41 mission churches, 54 stations, 15 chapels, 81 priests, 4 seminarians, 4 communities of religious men with 11 priests and 4 brothers, 15 communities of religious women with 129 sisters. 70,000 Catholics of 302,000 population
- Catholic schools at Ogdensburg, Plattsburgh, Hogansburg, Malone, Rouses Point, Keeseville, Brasher Falls, Brushton, Watertown, Carthage, Redford, Croghan, Champlain, Lyon Mountain, Gouverneur, Mohawk Hill, and Port Henry
- City Hospital and Orphan Asylum in Ogdensburg

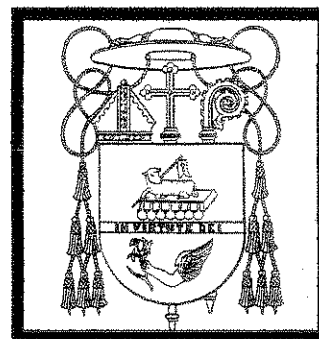
#### MESSAGE OF BISHOP WADHAMS ON HIS DEATHBED:

There must be unity. . . I want to insist upon unity. There may be some difference of ideas amongst us – we are of many different births—but for God's sake, let there be unity amongst us. . . Struggle for the old faith. Be faithful in giving the sacraments. The priests are for the people, not the people for the priests.

#### SECOND BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1892-1921) THE MOST REVEREND HENRY GABRIELS (1838-1921)

*In Virtute Dei  
In the Strength of God*

This is the meaning of the Hebrew name, *Gabriel*. Beneath the motto is the symbol of the right arm of the Angel Gabriel, holding a lily, sign of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Above the motto is a sealed book on which sits the Lamb of God holding the cross of victory. This recalls Gabriel's message concerning the Redeemer of Whom Isaiah wrote, "He shall be led as a sheep to the slaughter and shall not open His mouth."





**Most Reverend Henry Gabriels (1838 -1921)**  
**2nd Bishop of Ogdensburg (1892-1921)**

- Born: Wannegem-Lede, Belgium, October 6, 1838. Parents, Leopold and Rosalia Moerman Gabriels
- Education: St. Mary's College, Audenarde; Seminary of St. Nicholas; University of Louvain
- Ordained to Priesthood: September 21, 1861 by Bishop L.J. Delebecque at Ghent, Belgium
- Came to America with Belgian Missionary Band to serve as Professor of Dogmatic Theology at the new St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, NY, October 17, 1864. Appointed President of St. Joseph's Seminary on July 3, 1871. Helped train over 700 priests.
- 1883: Secretary, Fourth Provincial Council of New York; prepared *Acta et Decreta*
- 1884: Secretary, Third Plenary Council of Baltimore. *The Baltimore Catechism*
- Appointed to See of Ogdensburg: December 20, 1891 by Pope Leo XIII. Letter of Appointment received on January 11, 1892.
- Ordained Bishop: May 5, 1892 by Archbishop Michael Augustine Corrigan of New York, assisted by Bishop Francis McNeirny of Albany and Bishop Patrick

Ludden of Syracuse, at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, NY

- Installation as Second Bishop of Ogdensburg at old St. Mary's Cathedral, Franklin Street: May 11, 1892 in the presence of Archbishops Fabre of Montreal, Duhamel of Ottawa, and Cleary of Kingston; Bishops McNeirny, McQuaid, Ludden, O'Farrell, and Meerschaert.
- Death: April 23, 1921. Episcopal Residence, Ogdensburg
- Funeral: April 28, 1921. *Requiem* offered by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey of Rochester in presence of Patrick Cardinal Hayes, Archbishop of New York and other prelates.
- Burial: Crypt below old St. Mary's Cathedral until the burning of the Cathedral in November 1947. Recovered coffin interred in crypt of new St. Mary's Cathedral on Hamilton Street in 1952.

#### **Eulogy by Patrick Cardinal Hayes:**

**His erudition was vast and solid in divinity and ecclesiastical science. . . Doctor Gabriels might have stepped out of the patristic age with the message of pure and pristine faith, his whole being was so steeped in orthodoxy and its basic arguments. . . He had no patience with anything that was not wholly of Christian teaching in studying and in discipline. . ."**  
**(April 28, 1921.)**

#### **B. Some Challenges :**

1. Belgian/French Compromise Bishop with Flemish language – lack of acceptance
2. 2 Vicar-Generals (French – Msgr. P.O. LaRose; Irish – Msgr. J.H. Conroy)
3. Catholic Healthcare - A. Barton Hepburn Hospital, Gabriels Sanatorium, Champlain Valley Hospital, St. John's Hospital, St. Joachim's Hospital; St. Patrick's Children's Home
4. Catholic Education: Lack of finances for Schools and Catholic Summer School of America at Cliff Haven
5. Sisters of Mercy Academy for Indian Girls founded in 1878, visited by St. Katherine Drexel (1905) and financed by her until 1935 when it had to close
6. Refurbishing of St. Mary's Cathedral for its consecration on September 8, 1898

7. Church fires: St. Bernard's, Lyon Mountain 1901; Croghan (church, monastery, chapel, school, convent, and boarding school) 1902; Keeseville French Church, 1904; Altona, Church of the Holy Angels, 1906
8. Croghan pastor, Father Leo Heinrichs, O.F.M., martyred, 1908
9. Klauder Difficulties (1903-1922) Synod and Law Suits
10. World War I in Belgium, 1914
11. Illness – crippling rheumatoid arthritis—Need for Auxiliary Bishop

#### MESSAGE OF BISHOP GABRIELS:

It is education in all its degrees, primary, secondary, and superior, that must preserve and extend Christianity in a nation, and education to be worthy of the name must be permeated and elevated by religious instruction. (January 7, 1904)

#### INTERIM DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY CONSULTORS on April 17, 1921

Most Reverend Joseph Henry Conroy, Auxiliary Bishop of Ogdensburg

#### THIRD BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1922-1939)

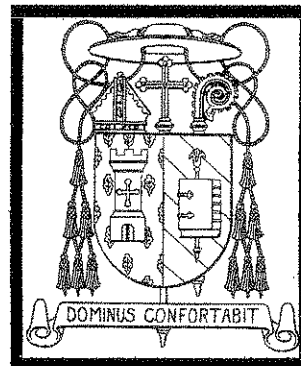
THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH HENRY CONROY (1858-1939)



*Dominus Confortabit*  
*The Lord Will Comfort*

Bishop Conroy was the first to include arms of the See of Ogdensburg on the dexter impalement of his shield. A silver fort signifying *Fort La Présentation* on a blue field sprinkled with golden oak leaves, symbols of Samuel Ogden (*oak dene*) who purchased and settled this region.

On the right field are the staff of St. Joseph, the bishop's patron, and a book representing Catholic education. The diagonal lines behind the book and staff come from the Conroy family shield of Ireland. Above the shield are the heraldic designs of a bishop—the green *gallero*, with its six tassels arranged in three rows on either side, a miter, crosier, and processional cross.



Most Reverend Joseph H. Conroy (1858-1939)

Auxiliary Bishop (1912-21)

3<sup>rd</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (1922-39)

- Born: Watertown, New York, November 8, 1858.
- Parents: Dennis and Bridget Walsh Conroy
- Education: Sulpician College, *Grand Seminaire, Montréal*;

St. Michael's, Toronto; St. Joseph's, Troy, NY

- Ordained to priesthood: St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, June 11, 1881 by Archbishop Michael Augustine Corrigan of NY
- Assignments: Churubusco, Rouses Point
- Ogdensburg: Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, April 27, 1883 to 1921; Chancellor 1894-98; Diocesan Consultor, 1897; Vicar General, 1901.
- Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Ogdensburg and Titular Bishop of Arindela by Pope Pius X on March 11, 1912
- Ordained Bishop: May 1, 1912 by John Cardinal Farley of New York, assisted by Bishop Charles H. Colton of Buffalo and Bishop Henry Gabriels of Ogdensburg at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg

- Appointed Third Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope Benedict XV: December 22, 1921
- Installation: January 18, 1922 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Patrick Hayes of New York
- Death: March 20, 1939 at Episcopal Residence, Washington Street, Ogdensburg, NY
- Funeral: March 22, 1939, St. Mary's Cathedral. Celebrant: Archbishop Thomas Walsh, Newark, NJ
- Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery on Heuvelton Road, Ogdensburg, NY

**Some Events :**

1. Conversion of Franciscans of the Atonement from Anglicanism to Catholicism
2. First Catholic Chapel on St. Lawrence State Hospital Property
3. Publication of first *Official Directory of the Diocese of Ogdensburg*
4. Founding of Wadhams Hall Seminary on Hamilton Street, Ogdensburg, 1924
5. Increase in native-born priests
6. New parishes, churches, Catholic schools and institutions
7. Diocesan Synod, 1928
8. First Catholic Paper in the Diocese, *The Courier*
9. Knights of Columbus and Columbian Squires (Brother Barnabas, F.S.C.)
10. Extended Church's role in national and local civic affair (Fight for a St. Lawrence Seaway)
11. Promotion of Catholic Action and Parish Service Guilds
12. Tragic drowning of 4 Sisters of St. Joseph (cousins)
13. Coadjutor Bishop choice of Msgr. John L. Plunkett rejected
14. The Lawrence Estate (Msgr. Harold J. Martin; Msgr. Walter Funcke)

**MESSAGE OF BISHOP CONROY:**

The cross is my banner. . . from it I resolve to draw my doctrine and my learning (*Journal*, 1881)

*Intrate toti, manete soli, exite alii.*

Exercises of Piety depend first on:

- **Order** . St. Augustine says, "Ordo ducit ad Deum." Sitting up late ruins health and utility of many a good priest. Go to bed early and rise early.
- **Meditation**. It is the only way to imbue myself with piety and unless I am imbued, I cannot feed others.
- **Thanksgiving after Mass**. Never omit.
- **Frequent Confession** – once a week. Choose a good confessor who knows his theology. Learning is as necessary in him as piety.
- **Aspirations**. Easy. Can be said everywhere and at every time
- **Priestly Duties**. Mass and Holy Office are the two hinges on which swings the life of a priest. Mass will always be said with just the same devotion as Office is recited. (*Journal*, 1883)

**FOURTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1939-42)**

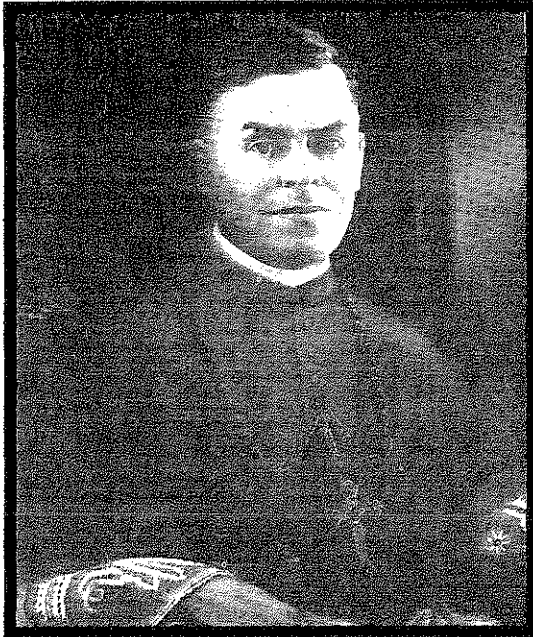
**THE MOST REVEREND FRANCIS JOSEPH MONAGHAN (1890-1942)**

*Dominus Praeceptor*  
*The Lord is my Teacher*

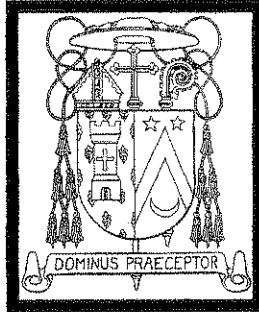
Beneath the green *gallero* with its six tassels arranged in three rows on either side of the shield are the processional cross, miter, and crosier of a prelate of rank of bishop.

On the blue dexter impalement is the silver *Fort La Présentation*, surrounded by the golden oak leaves, *oak den*). The sinister impalement has a chevron and two stars derived from the Irish coat of arms

of the Monaghans. A silver crescent commemorates Bishop Monaghan's former service on the faculty of Seton Hall College and Immaculate Conception Seminary.



**Most Reverend Francis J. Monaghan (1890-1942)**  
**Coadjutor Bishop of Ogdensburg (1936-1939)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (1939-1942)**



- Born: Newark, NJ October 30, 1890. Parents: Thomas and Anne Daly Monaghan
- Education: Seton Hall and North American College in Rome
- Ordained to Priesthood: May 29, 1915 by Cardinal Pompili at Basilica of St.

John Lateran, Rome

- Assignments: St. Paul of the Cross, Jersey City; Professor of Sacred Theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Darlington, NJ and St. Elizabeth's College, Convent Station
- President of Seton Hall College, June 7, 1933
- Appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope Pius XI, April 1936.
- Ordained Bishop: June 29, 1936 by Bishop Thomas J. Walsh, assisted by Bishop Thomas McLaughlin, Newark and Bishop Joseph H. Conroy at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, NJ
- Arrived in Ogdensburg: July 7, 1936 and became Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral
- Since he was Coadjutor Bishop, he became Fourth Bishop of Ogdensburg on March 20, 1939 when Bishop Conroy died. No formal installation.
- May 2, 1939 Pontifical Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral celebrating his accession to the See
- Death: November 13, 1942 at Mercy Hospital, Watertown, NY due to bronchopneumonia and complications from a fall between two New York Central railroad cars, September 26, 1942.
- Funeral: November 18, 1942, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, NY. *Requiem* offered by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York
- Burial: St. Mary's Cemetery on Heuvelton Road, Ogdensburg, NY

#### **A. Some Events:**

1. Second Wadhams Hall at *Rencelaw* on Washington Street. (Law Suit and Claypool Hotel)
2. Building of Church of the Good Thief at Dannemora Prison
3. Refurbishing of Bishop's House
4. Chancery Office moved to 232 Washington Street behind Wadhams Hall
5. Experienced opposition to revised Church regulations and demands for educated clergy
6. Strengthening of Catechetical programs of the diocese.
7. Appointment of Msgr. Louis D. Berube as vicar general, renewed by next six bishops

#### **B. Statistics in 1942:**

112 parishes, 41 missions, 49 Catholic schools, 2 orphanages, 7 Catholic hospitals, 1 home for the aged, 3 Catholic nursing schools, 140 secular priests and 51 religious priests; 116,689 Catholics in population of 330,386.

#### MESSAGE OF BISHOP MONAGHAN:

We priests are God's agents to save souls. Every moment of our days and nights must be spent in the service of Our Lord, preaching, administering the Sacraments, and praying for the souls God has created and died for. . .

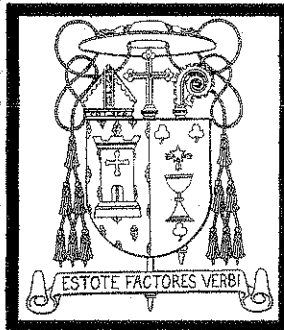
. . . Give the catechetical instructions yourself, not through some other person. You are the educated one, the prepared one, the capable one. Teach the religion you studied in the seminary, that you meditated upon. . . Your whole priesthood cries out for a chance to teach. You teach the children. . . Live up to your Divine calling. (Pastoral Letter, 1941)

**INTERIM DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY CONSULTORS: Msgr. Louis D. Berube, Vicar- General (November 1942-August 1943)**

#### **FIFTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1943-53) THE MOST REVEREND BRYAN JOSEPH MCENTEGART (1893-1968)**



**Most Reverend Bryan J. McEntegart (1893-1968)  
5<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg ((1943-53)**



*Estote Factores Verbi  
Be Doers of the Word*

The blue dexter field of Bishop McEntegart's shield has the silver fortress of *La Présentation* and golden oak leaves of the Ogdens (*oak dene*). The sinister impalement has a golden chalice, symbol of the priesthood and three shamrocks taken from the coat of arms of the McEntegart family of Ireland. The star above the chalice represents the bishop's former service as National Secretary for the Catholic Near East Missions. The background of red, symbol of charity, commemorates the bishop's years in the office of Catholic Charities.

External ornaments include the green *gallero*, the processional cross, miter, and crozier denoting the episcopal rank.

- Born: Manhattan, New York January 5, 1893. Parents: Patrick and Kate Roe McEntegart
- Education: Manhattan College; St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY
- Ordained to priesthood: September 8, 1917 by John Cardinal Farley at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
- Assignment: Survey of charitable agencies of the Archdiocese of New York. Establishment of the first office of Catholic Charities in New York.
- Appointed Fifth Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope Pius XII, June 5, 1943
- Ordained Bishop: August 3, 1943 by Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate, assisted by Bishop Edmund F. Gibbons of Albany and Bishop Stephen J. Donahue of New York at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City
- Presentation of Credentials to Board of Diocesan Consultors of Ogdensburg at the Episcopal Residence, August 9, 1943
- Installation: August 10, 1943 with Bishop Walter Foery of Syracuse leading the bishop to the episcopal throne in the old St. Mary's Cathedral. Solemn Pontifical Mass celebrated by Bishop Francis McIntyre of New York in the presence of many prelates.

- Appointed Rector of the Catholic University of America by Pope Pius XII, June 6, 1953
- Farewell Mass: St. Mary's Cathedral, August 18. Vacated See, August 20, 1953
- Appointed Archbishop of Brooklyn: April 16, 1957
- Death: September 30, 1968 Brooklyn
- Burial: Crypt of the Chapel of the College of the Immaculate Conception at Douglaston, NY

#### A. Some Events:

1. Leadership in National Catholic Welfare Conference and War Relief Services
2. St. Mary's Cathedral burned on November 25, 1947.
3. Successful Diocesan Drive for new Cathedral. Consecration, debt-free on October 22, 1952.
4. *North Country Catholic* was begun
5. New Chancery Office was purchased and opened at 622 Washington Street on February 5, 1945
6. First full-time Secretary of Education was appointed
7. Diocesan Union of Sodalities of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Catholic Youth Council were begun.
8. New Articles of Incorporation of Diocese of Ogdensburg became effective, June 1, 1945.

**B. Statistics:** 130,000 Catholics in 154 parishes. 32 Catholic schools.

#### MESSAGE OF BISHOP MCENTEGART:

The Bishop must be Christ to his flock. He leads his priests by serving, even as he serves by leading. . . From Our Divine Lord comes the sacred mission which makes the priests of the diocese fellow-shepherds of the Bishop. Boundless love urges them on to care for the flock of God without stay or stint. . . There is a loftier ambition than merely to rise high in the world. It is to stoop down and to lift mankind a little higher. The true Christian gently, lovingly raises his neighbor whenever injustice or misfortune grinds him down. The homeless child, the weary worker, the sick in body or in mind – all are Christ's, all are our neighbors, all are a charge upon our hearts and upon our consciences. (Homily at Installation, August 1943)

#### INTERIM DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY CONSULTORS:

Msgr. Louis D. Berube, VG (August 19, 1953 to March 1954)

#### SIXTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1953-57)

THE MOST REVEREND WALTER PHILIP KELLENBERG (1901- 1986)



*Regina Verte Lumina*  
*Queen Guide Me by Thy Light*

The green gallerio with six tassels arranged in three rows on either side of the shield, and the miter, crosier, and processional cross symbolize the bishop's rank. The dexter impalement of the See of Ogdensburg includes a blue background, silver *Fort La Présentation*, and golden oak leaves of the family of Samuel Ogden. (*oak dene*)

On the right hand side is a blue star on a silver field, honoring Mary, the Morning Star. The mountain or *berg* recalls the bishop's German heritage, while two ears of corn signify his mother's family, *Kern*. Three ermine crosses commemorate Bishop Kellenberg's former service to Cardinal Spellman and the green background, his eighteen years at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City





**Most Reverend Walter P. Kellenberg (1901- 86)**  
**6<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (1953-57)**

- Born: New York City, New York, June 3, 1901  
     Parents: Conrad and Elizabeth Kern Kellenberg
- Education: Cathedral College and St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, NY
- Ordained to priesthood: June 2, 1928 by Patrick Cardinal Hayes at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
- Assignments: Parishes in Staten Island and Manhattan
- Vice Chancellor, Chancellor of Archdiocese of New York, Secretary to Francis Cardinal Spellman
- Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of New York and Titular Bishop of Joannina by Pope Pius XII, August 25, 1953
- Ordained Bishop: October 5, 1953, by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, assisted by Bishop William A. Scully, Albany and Bishop Joseph F. Flannelly, New York at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
- Appointed Sixth Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope Pius XII, January 19, 1954
- Presentation of Credentials to Board of Diocesan Consultors: March 24, 1954
- Installation: March 25, 1954 at new St. Mary's Cathedral. Hamilton Street by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York
- Appointed Bishop of Rockville Centre, April 16, 1957. Installed, May 27, 1957
- Farewell Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, May 23, 1957; Vacated See, May 26, 1957
- Death: January 11, 1986 at Rockville Centre

**A. Some Events:**

1. Expansion of Chancery Office
2. Departments of Education and Catechetics
3. Promotion of Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life
4. Marian Rallies; Catholic Youth groups
5. New Cathedral rectory built in Ogdensburg
6. Pope Pius XII named Msgr. Louis D. Berube, VG, and Msgr. Anthime D. Charbonneau to rank of Protonotary Apostolic of the Diocese of Ogdensburg

**B. Statistics:** 113 parishes, 46 missions, 10 stations, 240 priests, 584 religious women, 12 Catholic high schools, 31 elementary schools, 4 Catholic general hospitals, 3 sanatoria, 3 Catholic Schools of Nursing, 2 orphanages, 1 home for the aged.

**MESSAGE OF BISHOP KELLENBERG:**

In this Holy Year of Mary, on this joyous Feast of the Annunciation, in this majestic, beautiful Cathedral dedicated to her honor, I come to you in the name of God. I claim no fame, no other name than this – a Priest of God. (Homily at Installation, March 25, 1954)

**INTERIM DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY CONSULTORS: May 1957**

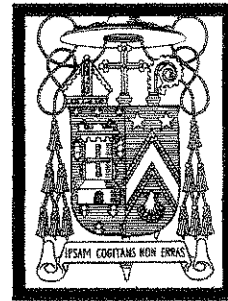
**Msgr. Arthur M. Leary**

**SEVENTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1957-63)**  
**THE MOST REVEREND JAMES JOHNSTON NAVAGH (1901-65)**



*Ipsans Cogitans Non Erras*  
*Meditating on Mary You Err Not*

Bishop Navagh's coat of arms bears symbols of his episcopal office – the green *gallero* with six tassels arranged in three rows on each side of a shield, and the miter, processional cross, and crozier. The dexter field of blue has a silver fort recalling *La Présentation* and golden oak leaves (*oak dene*).



On the sinister field of the shield, a chevron with rafters supporting a roof recalls Bishop Navagh's forebearers who were shipbuilders. The bishop also intended that the rafters portray his ardent desire to build in Christ and for Christ. Two stars symbolize the Blessed Virgin Mary as Star of the Sea and Morning Star.

**Most Reverend James Johnston Navagh (1901-65)**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (1957-1963)**

The scallop of St. James the Greater, the bishop's patron saint, recall the bishop's years as Director of the Missionary Apostolate and his desire to fulfill the commission of Jesus: "Going therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

- Born: Buffalo, New York, April 4, 1901. Parents: George Thomas and Kathryn Horn Navagh
- Education: Canisius College and Our Lady of the Angels Seminary, Niagara Falls, NY
- Ordained to priesthood: December 21, 1929 by Bishop William Turner at St. Joseph's New Cathedral, Buffalo, NY
- Assignments: Parish work, Director of Missionary Apostolate of the Diocese of Buffalo
- Author of textbook for seminarians: *The Apostolic Parish*
- Appointed Auxiliary to the Bishop of Raleigh, NC and Titular Bishop of Ombi: 1952
- Ordained bishop: September 24, 1952 by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate, assisted by Bishop Raymond A. Kearney of Brooklyn and Bishop James H. Griffiths, Vicar of the Military Delegate, at St. Joseph's New Cathedral, Buffalo, NY
- Installation: Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh, NC, October 8, 1952
- Appointed Seventh Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope Pius XII, May 2, 1957
- Presentation of Credentials to Board of Diocesan Consultors, June 13, 1957
- Installation : June 14, 1957 by Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Appointed to the See of Paterson, NJ by Pope John XXIII: February, 1963
- Farewell Mass: St. Mary's Cathedral, May 5, 1963; Vacated See May 8, 1963
- Death: October 2, 1965 at Second Vatican Council in Rome, Italy
- Funeral: October 8, 1965, Paterson, NJ – *Requiem* by Archbishop Thomas Boland

**A. Some Events:**

1. Construction of Mater Dei College and a new Wadhams Hall College on Route 37
2. Inauguration of Diocesan Development Fund in 1959
3. Beginning of the Diocesan Mission in Peru

4. Building of Church of Our Lady of the North Country in Diocese of Sapporo, Japan
5. Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and Marian rallies.
6. Diocesan Synod, April 10, 1959
7. Establishment of Commission for the Sacred Liturgy, Committee on Christian Families, Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Catholic Youth Council, Catholic Lawyers' Guild, Catholic Physicians' Guild, Layman's Retreat League, Bishop's Vocation Clubs, and Pre-Cana Conferences
8. Mandated that Confessions be heard before every Mass in the diocese

**B. Statistics:** Bishop Navagh built 17 new Catholic high schools (2,961 students), 11 catechetical centers, 10 new school buildings to replace inadequate ones, 6 additions to schools, 2 homes for the aged, 9 new churches, 5 new parish missions, 6 new parishes. 394 new classrooms schools. The 40 Catholic elementary schools in 1963 had 13,146 students.

#### MESSAGE OF BISHOP NAVAGH:

. . .To be a real Pastor, to give the greatest possible honor to Almighty God, to teach the truth to all who will listen, and to sanctify all who want the ministrations of the Church.

To this end, I think I could explain my policies by saying that they are:

- The Catechism. . . Make the revelation of Christ known. . .build Catholic schools with the aim in view of obtaining complete Catholic education for everyone who bears the Catholic name, from kindergarten to University. It means to make Religious Instruction a part of home life, a part of school life, a part of life of every Catholic no matter what his age. . .
- The Church and the Tabernacle. . .We will labor, then, using all of the concessions granted by our Holy Father, regarding the Eucharistic Fast and regarding evening Masses, that it be the ordinary practice of the faithful of Ogdensburg to hear Mass and receive Holy Communion every single day.
- The Rosary. Our Aim. . . to get every Catholic in the diocese, to carry a Rosary. You will notice I don't say "to say the Rosary" but "to carry the Rosary" because experience of the Church is that a person who carries a rosary with him usually develops the habit of saying it every day. . .We will try to make the Family Rosary part and parcel of Catholic life among our people.

As Our Holy Father Pope Pius XII has said on so many occasions, we must never make the mistake of aiming at mediocrity; we must aim high and plan on a grand scale, trusting in the Infinite Power of God to make a reality of our humble efforts.

(Homily at Installation June 14, 1957)

#### INTERIM DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY CONSULTORS

Msgr. Louis D. Berube, VG (May 1963)

#### EIGHTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (May 13 to October 9, 1963)

THE MOST REVEREND LEO RICHARD SMITH (1905-1963)

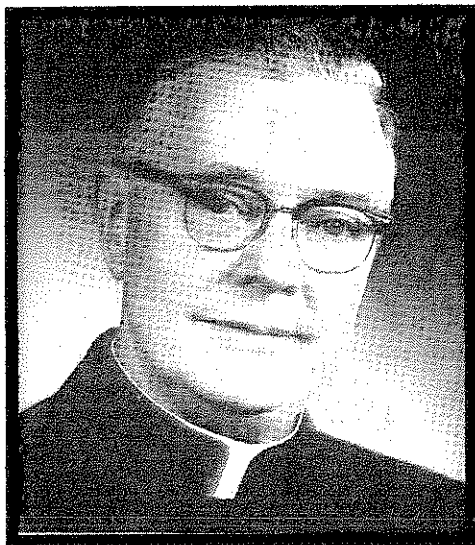


*Ne Cesset Mater Manus Tua*

*Mother May Your Hand Never Fail Me*

Bishop Smith's shield is surmounted by the green gallero with six tassels, arranged in three rows on either side of the shield and a processional cross, miter, and crosier -- symbols of the episcopacy. In the left blue field are symbols of the See of Ogdensburg -- *Fort La Présentation* and the *seme* of gold leaves from the arms of Samuel Ogden (*oak dene*). On the right field are the saltire and crescents from the arms of the Celtic Smith family of Scotland.

The red hand of Ulster is from the escutcheon of his mother's family, the O'Neills of Ireland. Three crescent moons symbolize Mary, who has been depicted with "the moon under her feet." The lion's head is a reminder of the bishop's patron, St. Leo.



**Most Reverend Leo R. Smith (1905-1963)**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg**  
**(May to October 1963)**

- Born: Attica, New York, August 31, 1905.  
     Parents: Adam and Mary O'Neil Smith
- Education: Canisius College; Institute of St. Thomas, Rome; Atheneum and Pontifical Institute
- Ordained to priesthood: December 21, 1929 by Cardinal Pompili, Basilica of St. John Lateran, Rome
- Assignments: St. Joseph's Old Cathedral, Buffalo; Vice Chancellor, Chancellor, Diocese of Buffalo
- Appointed Auxiliary to Bishop Joseph Burke of Buffalo and Titular Bishop of Marida, by Pope Pius XII: July 9, 1952
- Ordained Bishop: September 24, 1952 by Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate, assisted by Bishop Raymond A. Kearney of Brooklyn and Bishop James H. Griffiths, Vicar of the Military Delegate, at St. Joseph's New Cathedral, Buffalo, NY
- Elected Administrator of the Diocese of Buffalo after the death of Bishop Burke at the Second Vatican Council, October 18, 1962
- Appointed Eighth Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope John XXIII, February 1963
- Installation: May 13, 1963 by Francis Cardinal Spellman at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Death: October 9, 1963 at Second Vatican Council in Rome
- Funeral: St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg. *Requiem* by Bishop James J. Navagh
- Buried: Crypt of St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, NY

#### **Some Events:**

1. Laying of Cornerstone of new Wadhams Hall on Riverside Drive
2. Ground-breaking of new Avila Hall of Mater Dei College
3. Visits to all deaneries of the Diocese
4. Visit to the Mission of Peru, South America

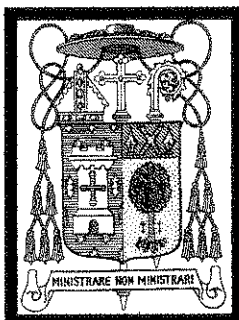
#### **MESSAGE OF BISHOP SMITH:**

It is a great favor for me to be sent to you by Pope John XXIII. . .It isn't the gift that counts so much as the spirit of the giver. . . He is the humble envoy of the humble Christ. So I come, too, because I have been sent by the Master Himself. It makes me, too, feel humble. . . Each of us, bishop, priest, brother, sister, and every Catholic has his part to play in bringing the love of God and the brothers to the North Country. We are His instruments. Let us pray that He will find us instruments "hallowed, serviceable to the Master, ready for every good work." (Installation Homily May 13, 1963)

#### **INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY DIOCESAN CONSULTORS**

**Msgr. Louis D. Berube, VG, PA (October 10, 1963 – April 15, 1964)**

**NINTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1964-1968)**  
**THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS ANDREW DONNELLAN (1914 -1987)**



*Ministrare Non Ministrari*  
*To Serve not to be Served*

The green *gallerio*, with six tassels arranged in three rows on either side of the shield, and a processional cross, miter, and crosier symbolize the prelate's rank. The two spearheads on the sinister impalement recall the martyrdom of St. Thomas, his patron, while the cross of St. Andrew commemorates his father's patron. The oak tree is from the arms of the Donnellan family of Galway, Ireland and the two ermine crosses from Cardinal Spellman's insignia. The arms of the See of Ogdensburg, *Fort La Présentation* and golden leaves of the Ogdens (*oak dene*) are imposed on the blue dexter field of the shield.

**Most Reverend Thomas A. Donnellan**  
**(1914-1987)**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (1964-1968)**

- Born: Bronx, New York, January 24, 1914  
     Parents: Andrew and Margaret Egan Donnellan
- Education: Cathedral High School, St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers
- Ordained to Priesthood: June 3, 1939 by Francis Cardinal Spellman, St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
- Assignments: Parishes in Archdiocese of New York; Assistant Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Vocation Director; Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, 1962
- Appointed Ninth Bishop of Ogdensburg, February 18, 1964 by Pope John XXIII
- Ordained Bishop: April 9, 1964 by Francis Cardinal Spellman, assisted by Bishop Christopher J. Weldon and Bishop John Maguire at St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC
- Presentation of Credentials to Diocesan Consultors: Episcopal Residence, April 12, 1964
- Installation: April 13, 1964, Francis Cardinal Spellman presiding
- Transferred to See of Atlanta, Georgia, May 19, 1968
- Farewell Mass: July 14, 1968, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg
- Installation in See of Atlanta: July 16, 1968
- Death: October 15, 1987, Atlanta, Georgia

**Some Events:**

1. Implementation of Vatican II directives
2. Establishment of Diocesan Ecumenical Council, Diocesan Committee on Poverty, Serra International, Senate of Priests
3. Rotation of Membership on Board of Diocesan Consultors
4. Retirement for priests set at 75
5. Diocesan Lay Employees Retirement Plan
6. Sisters of Precious Blood arrived
7. Uihlein Mercy Nursing Center blessed

**MESSAGE OF BISHOP DONNELLAN:**

The magnificent vision of the Church as the People of God will in time lead to great renewal in the parish life of our people. . . The great emphasis placed on ecumenism. . . is

going to make working together with our neighbors a very important part of our own religious practice. (December 1964)

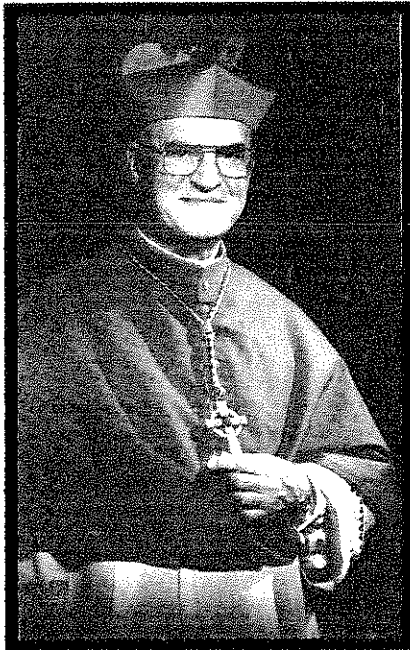
I hope the Ogdensburg Diocese stands for the "Diocese of the Poor", . . . We are not really aware of the poor. We must seek them out and put ourselves at their service. (1967)

#### INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY DIOCESAN CONSULTORS

Msgr. Francis P. Devan (July 18, 1968 to October 21, 1968)

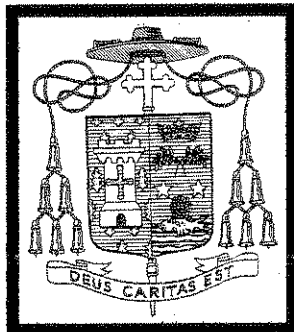
#### TENTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1968-1994)

#### THE MOST REVEREND STANISLAUS JOSEPH BRZANA (1917-1997)



Most Reverend Stanislaus J. Brzana  
1917-1997

#### 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (1968-1994)



*Deus Caritas Est*  
*God Is Love*

Bishop Brzana's coat of arms has a green *gallero*, with tassels and a cross surmounting the shield. The left blue side of the shield bears the arms of the See of Ogdensburg, *Fort La Présentation* and golden leaves of the Ogden family.

The sinister field includes a fish, symbol of the Polish family of Brzana, and two stars representing the Mikosz family of the bishop's mother. The stars also denote the bishop's role to teach the Truth, and honor his own teachers (Jesuits, Franciscans, Felicians, and parish priests.) The basket of loaves represents the Holy Eucharist. The olive branches and the crown honor Mary, Queen of Peace. The wavy bars are reminders of the waters of Lake Erie and the Niagara frontier, homeland of Bishop Brzana.

- Born: Buffalo, New York, July 1, 1917.
- Parents: Frank and Catherine Mikosz Brzana
- Ordained to Priesthood: June 7, 1941 by Bishop John A. Duffy at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo, NY
- Assignments: Missionary, Cattaraugus Indian Reservation
- World War II, Chaplain, U.S. Army, 9<sup>th</sup> Armored Division of General Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army in Europe
- Advanced Studies at the *Gregorian* -- Doctorate in Theology, January 1953
- *Officialis*, Diocesan Tribunal in Buffalo
- Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Buffalo, Titular Bishop of Cufruta, by Pope Paul VI, May 24, 1964
- Ordained Bishop: June 19, 1964 by Bishop James A. McNulty, assisted by Archbishop Celestine J. Damiano of Camden and Bishop James J. Navagh of Paterson at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Buffalo
- Appointed Tenth Bishop of Ogdensburg: August 21, 1968 by Pope Paul VI
- Presented Credentials to Diocesan Consultors: Episcopal Residence, October 21, 1968
- Installation: October 22, 1968. Concelebrated Mass with Archbishop Terence Cooke as main celebrant at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, New York
- Tendered his Resignation to the Holy See: Age 75, July 1, 1992. Remained in office until 1994
- Retired to Buffalo: January 17, 1994
- Death: March 1, 1997, Buffalo, New York. Burial in Buffalo

#### A. Some Events:

1. Implementation of Vatican II directives
2. Establishment of Diocesan Pastoral Council, Council of Women Religious, Continuing Education of Clergy, Formation of Ministry Program, Permanent Diaconate Program
3. Greater involvement of laity, especially of women in Church leadership roles
4. Appointment of Msgr. David W. Stinebrickner, secretary-chancellor. Diocesan Self-insurance Program. Diocesan Retirement Program
5. Celebration of the Centennial of the Diocese of Ogdensburg: 1972
6. Publication of a *History of the Diocese*

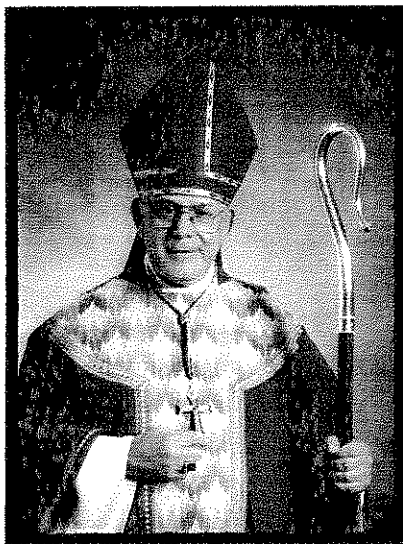
**B. Statistics:** 122 parishes, 41 missions, 206 priests, 506 sisters, 33 elementary schools, 6 Catholic high schools. Catholic population: 171,000 out of total population of 374,000.

#### MESSAGE OF BISHOP BRZANA:

How impressed we are by the deep faith of those who came before us. There is great need of such deep faith today when strange ideas and theories are proclaimed, when the institutional Church is challenged, and even essential truths are questioned. Our faith must indeed be informed and mature; but it must also be genuine, deep, living, simple, and childlike. . . .Keep the faith that has come down to us from the Apostles. ( Installation Homily October 22, 1968)

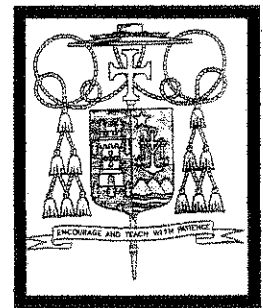
#### ELEVENTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (1994-1999)

#### THE MOST REVEREND PAUL STEPHEN LOVERDE (1940 – Now)



#### *Encourage and Teach with Patience*

Bishop Loverde's coat of arms has the usual external arms of a bishop. The left side of the shield has the arms of the Diocese of Ogdensburg –a blue field with *Fort La Présentation* and a *semé* of gold oak leaves representing the Ogden family *oak dene*.



The green field on the right side of the shield reflects the bishop's Italian surname *Loverde* "the green one." A silver anchor, symbol of hope, interlaced with a gold "M", the monogram of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is taken from the arms of Pope John Paul II who appointed Bishop Loverde to the episcopacy in the Marian Year of 1987-88. This symbol also expresses that our hope comes from Christ through Mary, and resembles the Resurrection Cross by which Christ gave hope of eternal life. The silver star represents *Polaris*, the North Star, and is taken from the arms of the Diocese of Norwich "North Town" where Bishop Loverde first served as a priest. The blue and silver wavy bars, taken from the arms of the

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde (1940-Now)  
11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg ( 1994-1999)

Archdiocese of Hartford, represent the Pawcatuck River near the bishop's hometown. Coming forth from the water are three gold hills to honor the Italian heritage of the bishop's parents, Paul and Ann Marie Conti Loverde. The bishop's father came from Pollina and his maternal grandparents from Tusa and San Mauro-Castelverde, Sicily.

- Born: Framingham, MA. September 3, 1940. Parents: Paul and Anne Marie Conti Loverde
- Ordained to Priesthood: December 18, 1965, St. Peter's Basilica, Rome, Italy
- Assignments: Parishes and Various Diocesan Offices in Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut

- Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Hartford and Titular Bishop of Otabia by Pope John Paul II, February 3, 1988
- Ordained Bishop: April 12, 1988 St. Joseph's Cathedral, Hartford, Connecticut
- Appointed Eleventh Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope John Paul II, December 1993
- Installation: January 17, 1994 at St. Mary's Cathedral
- Transferred to Arlington, Virginia, January 25, 1999; Farewell Mass: March 7, 1999
- Installation as Third Bishop of Arlington, March 25, 1999

#### Some Events:

1. *Disciples in Mission* Program of Evangelization
2. *Operation Andrew* for Vocations
3. Closing of Mater Dei College
4. Refurbishing Brzana Diocesan Pastoral Center
5. Construction of Loverde Building for Education and Formation

#### INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR ELECTED BY DIOCESAN CONSULTORS

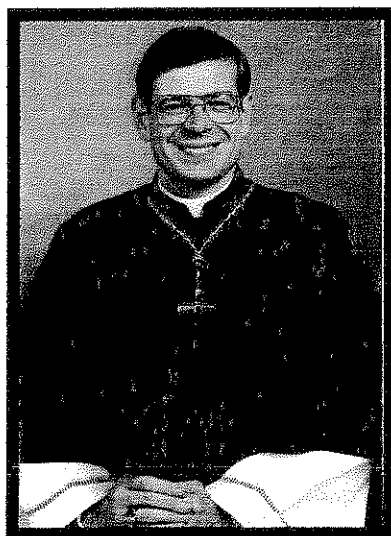
Msgr. Robert L. Lawler (March 30, 1999 – January 2000)

#### MESSAGE OF BISHOP LOVERDE:

Pope John Paul II has called for a "New Evangelization." . . . This implies—indeed demands—that we who make up the Church in the Diocese of Ogdensburg must become even more a people of authentic prayer and a people of obedient faith, a people of loving service. . . . No one will ever understand the Good News of God's Love until that love becomes visible. (Homily at Installation, January 17, 1994)

#### TWELFTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (2000-2003)

#### THE MOST REVEREND GERALD MICHAEL BARBARITO (1950- Now)



*Veritatem Facientes in Caritate*

*Let Us Profess the Truth in Love*

Bishop Barbarito's coat of arms includes the episcopal symbols and the arms of the Diocese of Ogdensburg. The silver field on right side has an open Book of the Gospels, with a gold *Alpha* and *Omega* on the spine. The upside-down position of the book recalls that the Gospels, placed over the head of a bishop at his episcopal ordination, must be his helmet. The front cover contains a skewed cross, taken from the arms of Pope John Paul II, and the *fleur-de-lis* and crescent, honoring Bishop Francis Mugavero and Bishop Thomas Daily who ordained Bishop Barbarito. Two golden hills with three green fir trees, are taken from the arms of the Salesians, founded by St. John Bosco, a model for parish priests. The center pine tree with visible roots denote the Italian name *Barbarito*, "roots". Two black moorcocks with red crests show the bishop's devotion to St. Thomas More, patron saint of canon lawyers. On his feast, the bishop began working in the Brooklyn Chancery and also received word of his elevation to the office of Bishop.

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito  
(1950- Now)

12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (2000-2003)

- Born: Brooklyn, New York, January 4, 1950. Parents: Samuel and Anna Marie Barbarito



- Ordained to Priesthood: January 31, 1976 by Bishop Francis J. Mugavero
- Assignments: St. Helen's Parish, Howard Beach
- Secretary to Bishop Thomas Dailey, Vice Chancellor of Diocese of Brooklyn
- Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn by Pope John Paul II on June 28, 1994
- Ordained August 22, 1994, by Bishop Thomas Dailey, Brooklyn
- Installed Twelfth Bishop of Ogdensburg, January 7, 2000 by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States
- Transferred to Diocese of Palm Beach, Florida, July 1, 2003. Installed August 28, 2003

**Some Events :**

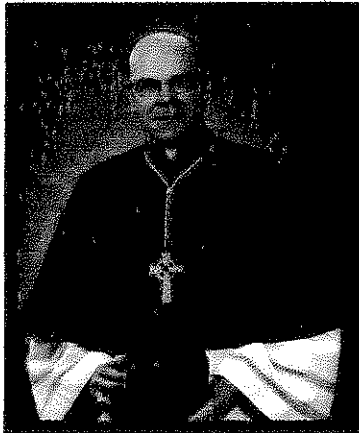
- Closing of Wadhams Hall Seminary-College 2002
- Closing of the Diocesan Mission in Peru
- Dismissal of Priests accused of Child-Abuse
- Pastoral Planning Committee

**MESSAGE:** The celebration of the Eucharist is the focal point of all our parish life and it is from that focal point that we, as His disciples, go forth as bearers of the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is through His grace and through His Spirit that we find the wisdom and strength to make good decisions about our future as Church in the North Country. . .Today, an aging presbyterate and diminished numbers, combine with the great distances in the North Country to create a unique challenge for our diocese. . .We must continue to move forward confident of God's providential care. (*A Reflection of Planning – Seek His Kingdom*)

**INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR:** Msgr. Robert L. Lawler, VG (August 2003 – May 2004)

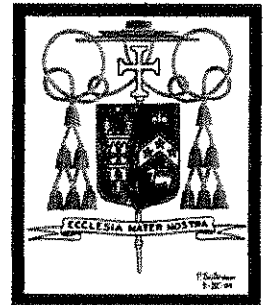
**THIRTEENTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (2004-2009)**

**THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT JOSEPH CUNNINGHAM (1943- Now)**



*Ecclesia Mater Nostra*

- Born: Kenmore, NY, June 18, 1943  
Parents: Cecil and Grace Cunningham
- Ordained to Priesthood: May 24, 1969 by Auxiliary Bishop Bernard J. McLaughlin, St. Joseph's New Cathedral, Buffalo
- Assignments: Parishes in Diocese of Buffalo, Secretary to Bishop Edward D. Head, Chancellor, Vicar General
- Diocesan Administrator of Buffalo December 22, 2003 to May 18, 2004
- Ordained Bishop at St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg: May 18, 2004 by Edward Cardinal Egan of New York, assisted by Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito of Palm Beach and Archbishop Henry Mansel of Hartford
- Credentials presented to Diocesan Consultors during Installation Ceremony by Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, Apostolic Nuncio
- Appointed to the See of Syracuse, April 21, 2009. Installation, May 26, 2009



**Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham**  
(1943 - Now)  
**13<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (2004 – 2009)**

**Some Events:**

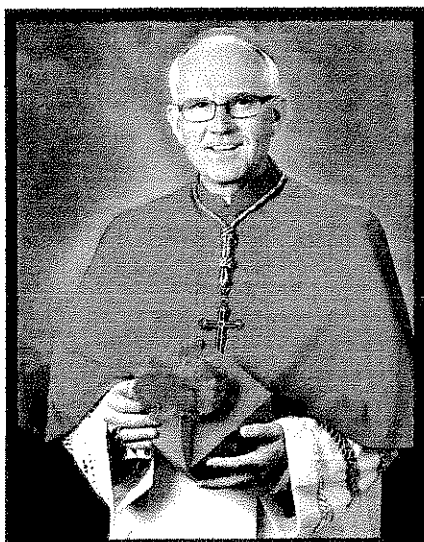
1. Dedication of new St. Joseph's Home on Linden Street, 2006
2. Diocesan Wide Stewardship Program, led by Cunneen Company
3. *WHY CATHOLIC* program in the diocese

## MESSAGE OF BISHOP CUNNINGHAM:

This rite of Ordination reminds us that the role of a Bishop is one of service and not of honor. (Installation, May 18, 2004)

**INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR: Reverend Terry R. LaValley (May 2009 – April 2010)**

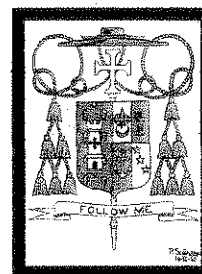
## **FOURTEENTH BISHOP OF OGDENSBURG (2010 – Now) THE MOST REVEREND TERRY RONALD LAVALLEY (1956- Now)**



### *Follow Me*

Bishop LaValley's coat of arms has the external ornaments of a prelate—a green *gallero* with three rows of tassels arranged on either side of the shield and processional cross. The blue field on the left side of the shield has symbols of the Diocese of Ogdensburg —*Fort La Présentation* and oak leaves *oak dene* of the Ogden family.

The sheaf of wheat on the right side symbolizes Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, as well as the tradition of farming in the bishop's family. Three diagonal stars are from the LaValley coat of arms, and the *fleur de lis* denote the family's French heritage. The anchor, symbol of hope, represents the bishop's service in the Navy and his devotion to Mary, Mother of Priests, Our Lady of Hope.



### **Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley (1956-Now) 14<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Ogdensburg (2010- Now)**

- Born: Plattsburgh, NY March 26, 1956. Parents, Ronald and Doris LaValley
- Baptized: St. Ann's Church, Mooers Forks, NY
- Ordained to Priesthood: September 24, 1988 by Most Reverend Stanislaus J. Brzana, St. Mary's Cathedral, Ogdensburg, NY
- Assignments: Massena; Hammond; Rossie; Heuvelton; Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral
- Diocesan Offices: Episcopal Vicar, Chancellor, Associate Secretary of Marriage Tribunal, and Administrator of the Diocese of Ogdensburg (May 2009-April 2010)
- Appointed Fourteenth Bishop of Ogdensburg by Pope Benedict XVI, February 23, 2010
- Ordained Bishop at St. Mary's Cathedral, April 30, 2010 by the Most Reverend Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of NY, with co-consecrators, the Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde of Arlington and the Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham of Syracuse
- Credentials presented to Diocesan Consultors during Installation Ceremony by the Most Reverend Pietro Sambì, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

## MESSAGE OF BISHOP LAVALLEY:

I feel especially blessed to have been appointed Shepherd of this diocese during this Year for Priests because of the tremendous gift our Diocese enjoys in the selfless ministry of her priests. . .I accept the office of Bishop of Ogdensburg with confidence because the people God has asked me to serve are people with whom I grew up.