

entitled to protection in their religious liberty." In other words, it is not only our right, but it is also our duty to worship God in the way that we think he would require.

Gatherings such as this, I think, are important to us in that they renew in our hearts and minds a principle which we should not forget—that ultimately the best service we can render is to perpetuate the spiritual values which have guided our Nation through the glorious years of its history. In the spirit of the people who drafted our first State Constitution, let us thank Almighty God for the civil and religious liberty which we enjoy and let us pray that this and future generations will continue to enjoy the blessings of our Creator.

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REMARKS, PRESENTATION OF MAN OF THE YEAR  
AWARD TO LAWRENCE CARDINAL SHEHAN

BALTIMORE

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When, in September of 1961, Bishop Shehan was returned as coadjutor Archbishop to the late Archbishop Keough, we welcomed him as a native son and as a member of a family which has distinguished itself in the business and professional life of our city and state. We knew from his service as auxiliary bishop in this Archdiocese that we were having returned to us a man of deep religious feeling, a proven administrator and a man of energy and action. When Cardinal Shehan succeeded Archbishop Keough in December of 1961, our great expectations for him were fulfilled. And he has proved to be not only a worthy successor to Bishop John Carroll but indeed is one of the outstanding prelates of the nation and the world.

When His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, made his historic visit to the United States last October, I was privileged to have an audience with him at the residence of Cardinal Spellman in New York. I took that occasion to tell Pope Paul of the pride Marylanders felt that our Archbishop had been elevated to the College of Cardinals. The Pope said of him: "We share your high opinion of Cardinal Shehan, and we have come to lean on him heavily."

The people of Maryland, like the Holy Father, have "come to lean on him heavily."