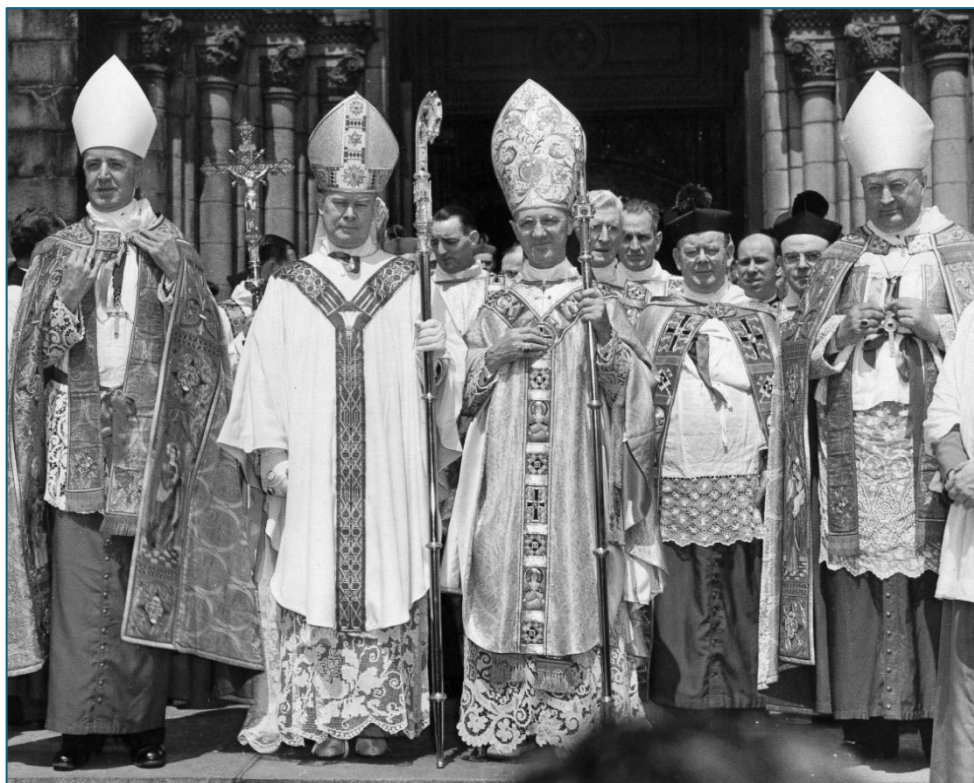


RITTER MITER Soon on Display at Ritter Birthplace Museum

This photo was taken at Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter's installation as Archbishop of St. Louis on October 8, 1946.

Archbishop Ritter is wearing the miter that has recently been donated to the *Cardinal Ritter Birthplace Museum* by the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



On the left in the front row is **Bishop Paul C. Schulte**, who would be installed as archbishop of Indianapolis two days later. I believe the second bishop is **Archbishop James H. Ryan**, who was originally a priest of the then-Diocese of Indianapolis and became bishop of Omaha in 1935. He was definitely there, and I believe that is him in the photo.

The third bishop is **Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter**; and fourth is **Bishop George J. Donnelly**, auxiliary bishop of St. Louis, who was named on November 9 of that year to succeed Archbishop Schulte as Bishop of Leavenworth, Kansas.

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