

**CONGRESSMAN JOHN B. FODARTY-- INTRODUCTION OF
ARCHBISHOP RICHARD J. CUSHING, RECIPIENT OF
AWARD OF HONOR, AT DINNER OF THE WELFARE LEAGUE
FOR RETARDED CHILDREN, WALDORF-ASTORIA, NEW YORK,
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It is with a feeling of pleasure and pride that I present to you our next Speaker. In fact, he needs no introduction, -- only a presentation. However, he is so outstanding that brief reference to this great man and his dedicated life to God, mankind, and country is in order.

Anyone in the position I am in now, -- given the great pleasure and high honor of introducing the next speaker, could well talk for a long period of time about him. Knowing the greatness, -- the goodness, -- and yet, -- the simplicity and humbleness of our next speaker, I appreciate he would want only a brief introduction.

This distinguished Priest and Prelate of the Roman Catholic Church has spent his entire life in helping others. As a Prelate of the Catholic Church his love of God and neighbor extends to the sick, -- the afflicted, -- the poor, -- the forgotten children of our times, and particularly the retarded children of all creeds, race and color.

He lives as near as it is humanly possible
the life of Christ.

Prior to his elevation as Bishop and Archbishop,
and as a Priest and Monsignor, while serving as
Director of the Propagation of the Faith, he raised
and collected millions of dollars to aid missions all
over the world.

Since his elevation to the Archbishopric of
Boston he has raised countless of millions of dollars, - -
constructing numerous schools, hospitals, homes for
the aged and orphans, as well as giving financial
assistance to colleges and universities, - - as well as
carrying out his other archdiocesan work.

I give you a few illustrations of what
this great Prelate, this great man has done. Only
a few of them.

For years there was located in Boston
the Home for Destitute Catholic Children. Children
served by this Home in a sense in later years,
when they had to make disclosure that they were inmates
of this Home, - - for example, for employment purposes, - -
had a feeling that they carried with them the stigma
of pauperism.

One of the first acts of our next speaker upon his elevation to Archbishop was to order that the word "Destitute" be stricken from the name of this Home.

He then raised several millions of dollars to build, not a new home, but a school, and he called it the Nazareth School, - - how beautiful an expression, - - into which forgotten children of all creeds and races go, - - receiving a full education, - - and in later years proudly state that they attended or graduated from Nazareth School.

An activity that we know of that is near and dear to his heart are the three schools and homes he has erected and operates in his Archdiocese for retarded children, whom he affectionately terms and calls "exceptional children."

We who are here today are honored by his presence. This man of faith, - - of love of God and neighbor, - - this man of deeds as well as words, - - will be an inspiration to each and every one of us, - - to carry on and to emulate to a greater extent the great work that he is doing.

One of the greatest of the Prelates of the Catholic Church, - - one of the outstanding leaders

of the world today, - - who gives effectively
the type of leadership that combats and defeats
atheistic Communism, - - my friends, - - it is
my personal pleasure and great honor to present to you,
His Excellency, The Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing,
Archbishop of Boston.

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