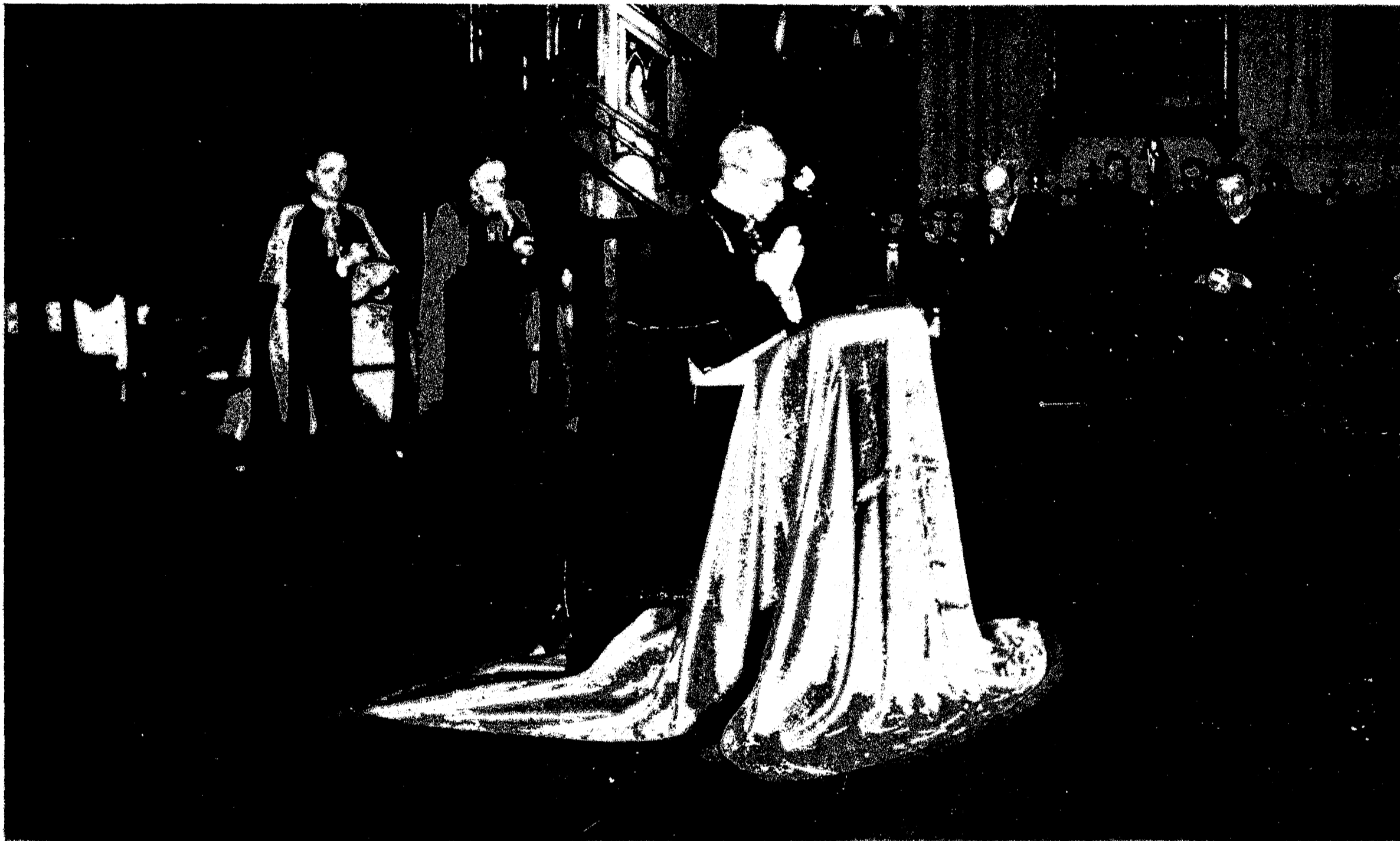




## OUR GREATEST GLORY



*Most Holy Father:*

*We must broadcast our joy to the world. This is a picture of the most privileged moment in Notre Dame's ninety-seven years.*

*It was taken on the mud-splashed afternoon of October 25, 1936. You were then Cardinal Pacelli. After you had finished praying before the Blessed Sacrament, you were escorted to Washington Hall where you accepted the University's honorary Doctor of Letters degree. At that moment you handed Notre Dame its greatest living endowment. The Catholic University and Fordham know the same joy.*

*Now you are no longer Cardinal Pacelli. We glance at our treasure photo again and rejoice at the sight of Christ and His Vicar communing in the sanctuary of our own Sacred Heart Church! It is like a dream come true. God be thanked and praised.*

*Holy Father, we, the Faculty and Students of Notre Dame, thank you publicly for your first papal blessing. And as the University's mind and heart, this day we pledge Your Holiness our spiritual allegiance.*

