Fun Fact, October 19, 2022

Question: Which diocesan bishop wrote this, after visiting which country: "the whole force of government is centered in one person whose decrees have all the force of law. It is a strange — a fascinating; even a terrible situation."

Clue: He had just returned from a family vacation in Europe.

Answer: Bishop Philip Cook, fourth bishop of Delaware, who, with his family, visited Germany in the summer of 1936. He wrote: "No one mentions the fact that there are thousands of prisoners held in concentration camps as political offenders, that hundreds have been killed…that a spy system is everywhere maintained which spreads fear and terror among them…that the whole force of government is centered in one person whose decrees have all the force of law….It is a strange — a fascinating; even a terrible situation."