



A packed Cathedral congregation witnessed Bishop Casey "concelebrate" Mass with four priests Holy Thursday night. He also enacted a rite performed at the Last Supper — washing the feet of the 12 apostles — in this case, seminarians soon to be ordained

priests. Photo at right shows the bishop and the four "concelebrants" just prior to the consecration time of the Mass. The rite was used in some parish churches but copies of the text of rite are still scarce.

New Rite Symbol Of Unity

Holy Week — like the events it commemorated — survives as more than a memory in the Rochester Diocese.

For those with faith, God's gifts of grace will continue to strengthen the spiritual lives of the people in their trials and joys for weeks to come.

And for those aware of the Church's thrust toward new horizons, the new format of "concelebrating" Mass — admittedly still a bit of a ritual puzzle — is yet another milestone on Pope John's road of aggloramento, of revitalizing the ancient faith.

Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence E. Casey inaugurated the rite at Sacred Heart Cathedral at the Last Supper Mass Holy Thursday evening.

Celebrating the Mass with him were Monsignor Wilfred T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rev. Robert F. McNamara of the Seminary faculty and Cathedral curates Fathers Conrad Sundholm and Lawrence Murphy.

Ten priests of the St. John Fisher College faculty also celebrated a Mass at the college chapel the same evening as did parish priests at St. Boniface Church, Rochester, St. Patrick's Church, Victor, and at the Easter Vigil, at St. John the Evangelist Church in the Town of Greece.

Father Louis Hohman, in his sermon at the Holy Thursday Cathedral Mass, said the new concelebration rite "symbolizes the unity of all of us in making this offering through Jesus to the Father of us all."

He said mutual Christian love is the duty of all who seek truly to worship God, citing the warning of the Saviour, "If you come to the altar and there remember that your brother has anything against you, go first to be reconciled to your brother, then come and offer your gift."

Father Hohman quoted a poem, "I sought my soul — but my soul I could not see; I sought my God but my God eluded me; I sought my brother and found all three."

"We cannot be indifferent to the colored, the Jews, the oppressed, the hungry, the sick, the lonely, the sinners. If we are, we are indifferent to Christ," he emphasized.

Concelebration, an ancient practice of the Church, was recently restored by the Vatican Council. According to this newly revised format, several priests celebrate a Mass together to dramatize the unity of all clergy and lay people rather than by saying private Masses separately which tends to obscure the "family" aspect of the Mass ceremony.

POAU Against LBJ School Aid

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Within hours after President Johnson signed the new \$1.3 billion federal aid to education bill came the first announcement that it would be challenged in the courts as to its constitutionality. Question over expenditure of public funds to aid parochial school students lies at the crux of the challenge.

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Optimism, Message Of Easter

Vatican City—(RNS)—Pope Paul VI, in an Easter message to the world delivered before hundreds of thousands of Romans and foreign pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square, voiced the hope that the day would come "on which the discords among peoples will be resolved, not with force of arms, but rather in the light of reasonable negotiations."

Making an obvious allusion to the fighting in Vietnam he urged that "every war and guerrilla operation give way to constructive collaboration which is mutual and fraternal."

The Easter morning crowd, ignoring a cold wind and rain, also heard the 67-year-old pontiff urge that "the prodigious energies of progress be employed to satisfy the world hunger and to educate future generations, to bring remedies to the recurrent ills of mankind."

"And let there be no longer on this earth," he added, "any of those deliberately caused and unjustifiable sufferings due to systematic political and social oppression, to racial strife, to the contempt and restriction of the just freedom of conscience and of expression."

Speaking in carefully enunciated Italian, the Pope, wearing his papal cape and mitre, had a special greeting for "brothers in the faith who even today in so many countries are obstructed and oppressed."

"Courage, beloved sons," he exhorted them. "Persevere in your loyalty and in your fidelity. Nothing will be lost of your suffering which even today is a stunning witness in behalf of religious liberty and of the spiritual unity of the Church of Christ. With you are the pray-

ers and support of your brothers, with you is the Church suffering and militant."

POPE PAUL began his message by saying that his Easter greeting was extended not only to the Catholic faithful but also to those Christians among you who, though separated from us, nevertheless are united with us in our belief in the Risen Jesus.

"With equal affection," he added, "we address all people of goodwill, whoever they may be, who are now listening to our Easter message."

Stressing the "positive, optimistic viewpoint" to be drawn from the mystery of the Resurrection, the Pope said "there can be no doubt that the heart of man, especially the heart of contemporary man, is reaching out for the fullness of knowledge and possession, for the power to will and to enjoy, for the achievement of happiness."

The Pope said it was only in the spirit of the Pascal season — "the spirit which raises up out of this temporal city of man the timeless City of God — that hope exists for 'giving life to our present ideals and striving toward unity and universality, toward freedom tempered by wisdom and a concern for what is right and good, toward an ever-growing practice of justice, toward a charity that is always effective.'"

At the close of his message, the Pope addressed a few words of greeting and blessing to the faithful in nine languages before imparting his universal benediction "Urbi et Orbi" — the city (of Rome) and the world. His address took 14 minutes and was delivered after he had celebrated Mass on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica and then walked into the great church, reappearing a few minutes later on the balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square.

The Pope began Easter morning by driving 12 miles to St. Francis Village to celebrate an outdoor Mass in Italian on the steps of the parish church for about 2,000 worshippers.

The pontiff personally administered Holy Communion to a group of aged and sick people. At the end of the Mass, he was presented with gifts, including a live lamb, eggs, an Easter cake, a pair of red silk slippers, and 400,000 lire (\$645) collected for the poor.

Returning to Rome, the pontiff was carried on the sedia gestatoria — the papal portable throne — out of the bronze doors of St. Peter's Basilica for the Mass — celebrated this time in Latin — and followed by the waiting crowd in the vast square outside.

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10 Priests, One Mass

Ten priests of the Bullian Congregation at St. John Fisher College concelebrated the Maundy Thursday Mass in the college chapel. It marked the first time that any of them had participated in a concelebrated Mass since their ordinations. Father Joseph A. Trovato, C.S.B., superior of the Bullians at St. John Fisher, was chief celebrant. All 10 priests received the Blessed Sacrament under both species. From left: Fathers Frederick A. Black, John A. Polukis, Eugene C. Bamzai, Very Reverend Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., president of St. John Fisher College, Father Trovato, and Fathers Joseph B. Dorsey, Daniel V. Burns, J. Gareth Poupore, John P. Ruth, (partly hidden), and John R. Cavanagh.

Nuns No Longer to be 'Minors' in Church

An auditor isn't necessarily just a listener — no matter what the dictionary says.

And if you want proof, meet Sister Mary Luke, one of the eight nuns named by Pope Paul to take part in the Vatican Council.

SHE IS ALSO a member of the sub-commission preparing the Council's famous "Schema 13" which will state the Church's relationship with the contemporary world.

Not all the Council's commissions have "opened the windows" quite as wide as the Schema 13 group, however. The commission at work on the Council's schema on nuns has no nuns as members — somewhat like having an electrical union without electricians.

But nuns must change to keep up with the Church, she insists.

Sister Mary Luke stopped off in Rochester this week to speak at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph on the way to the National Catholic Educational Association convention in New York City.

She clicked off reasons why she thinks change is needed.

And she starts with a very good one.

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She quotes him — a quote she says she has to use frequently when speaking to those reluctant to admit any need for change.

"Certain customs which were perhaps in harmony with past conditions but which today merely hinder educational work must be adapted to new circumstances," the Pope said and then told the superiors of nuns' orders to "proceed in this matter conscientiously, with foresight, prudence and courage."

Sister Mary Luke seems to be a bundle of all these characteristics.

One item on her list for change is to open new fields for nuns — instead of limiting them to little children, the aged or the ailing.

"We have to continue to do these jobs, of course, but there are lots more people in the world than fit into these three categories and, like the Church, we are sent to all."

She also said nuns need more

freedom within their commitment to obedience to serve the present world in its multiple needs.

Recently, she said, she called in several lay people to her Motherhouse at Nerinx, Kentucky, to ask what they thought nuns should be like today.

"We had only two rules for the meeting," she told them. "We won't defend ourselves and don't you pull any punches."

"We learned a lot," she said.

Sister Mary Luke said "fidelity to the Gospels" demands "stripping off accidentals encumbering our lives."

She listed some of them:

Among these accidentals are ideas and practices stemming from an individualistic, monastically-oriented and theological-truncated interpretation of religious life.

"Women's status as minors in Canon Law needs correction; a spirituality akin to that of St. Paul's must be the religious basis of those engaged in active works; courage rather than fear must dictate personal and community decisions.

"Obviously, this is not an easy program. Nor does it imply a condemnation of past practices. No, these now meaningless accumulations were not always so; they have become so simply because time and circumstances do not stand still."

Sister Mary Luke is superior general of the more than one thousand Sisters of Loretto at Nerinx, Kentucky, and national chairman of the Conference of Religious Superiors of Women in the United States, a coordinating agency for American nuns.



Father Manley Funeral

Solemn funeral rites will be held Friday morning for a priest noted for his ready smile, his constant kindness and his love of reading — Father Thomas J. Manley.

Bishop Casey will offer the Requiem Mass in St. Mary's Church, Elmira, at 10:30 a.m., where Father Manley has been pastor since 1959.

Father Manley died Tuesday, April 20. He was 64.

During World War II he took part in the invasion of Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, southern France, the Rhineland and central Europe.

For his military chaplaincy he (Continued on Page 6)



Mother Agnes Cecilia and Sister Mary Luke at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph.