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Bishops Face Key Issues In Pastoral on the Church

Washington — (NC)—Writing "in response to the needs of the hours," the nation's Catholic bishops yesterday (Jan. 11) released a collective pastoral letter, a long close look at the life and development of the American Church in the light of the Second Vatican Council.

The pastoral, "The Church in Our Day," brings to the Church in the United States the insights of the council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. Prepared by a committee working under the direction of Pittsburgh's Bishop John J. Wright and ratified by the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the 25,000-word document is divided into two chapters.

Chapter I analyzes the mystery of the Church, describing the nature of the Church as a unified community and discussing the images by which the Church is known in the world.

Chapter II of the document speaks of the characteristics of the whole Church and goes on to define the particular roles given the laymen, priests, Religious and Bishops in the life of the Church and in Christ's plan of salvation.

Designed to minister to the needs of souls, the pastoral appears "in an age where questions concerning the 'charismatic' and 'institutional' elements of the Church are of moment, at a time when the essentials of priestly life and religious dedication are freely discussed, in these days when freedom of conscience and religious authority come often into conversation."

Because of this, Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in his foreword to the pastoral, explains, "It is thought not only prudent but necessary that the American bishops present the

considered, extended statement on the doctrinal matters underlying the present discussions."

The introduction to the pastoral strikes the twin notes of optimism and caution repeated throughout the text. Opening with the observation that "the Church of Christ is living today in a privileged hour," the introduction adds that "we see not only the glory but also the burden of this privileged hour."

Then, explaining the reasons behind the bishops' document, the introductory statement continues: "We speak not to 'lord it over' the brethren nor to 'make our authority felt.' We speak in discharge of our responsibility, motivated by a pastoral love that sometimes speaks in silence but chooses now to speak in words."

Analysis of the Church within the pastoral emphasizes that the Church is a Church of the present that welcomes new insights from its members. But the analysis goes on to criticize those who "under the guise of being 'contemporary,' seem hostile to everything except their own views." The pastoral urges all to remember that any reform attempted is not a reform of a mortal institution, but of the Church of the living God.

Further explanation emphasizes that "the Christian perspective is threefold. It looks to the past with reverence, to the present with responsibility, and to the future with faith, which is the substance of hope."

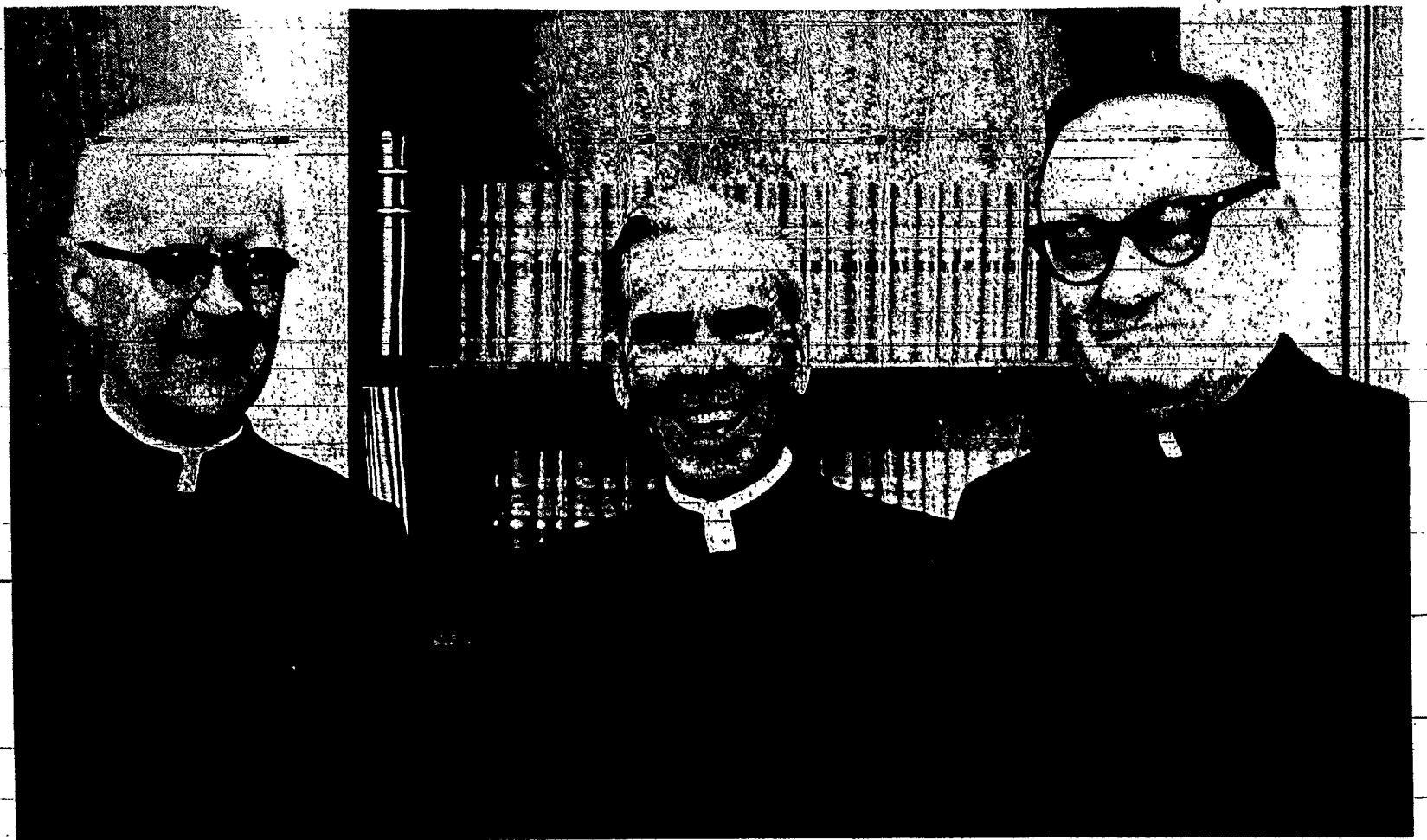
The Servant Church

The Church itself, the pastoral explains, is a servant Church among the sons of men but even more, it is the servant of God. It is also a necessity for all men who wish to follow Christ, for "without the Church the following of Jesus subtly becomes a following of self or even a following of those false prophets against whom Christ warned and whom the Church resists."

That the Church must exist is seen from the fact that the Holy Spirit is given in His fullness only to the community. This is true even though man both lives and dies in solitude and because God makes demands on each individual that He makes on no one else, despite the existence of the community that is the Church. Therefore, while the Church includes men, it is more than a merely human community, more than a social service office.

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Monsignors Hickey, McCafferty Named



MOMENT OF JUBILATION: Bishop Sheen announces the good news of the appointments of Monsignor Dennis W. Hickey (left) and Monsignor

John E. McCafferty (right) as the new auxiliary Bishops of the Diocese of Rochester. Their consecration is tentatively set for early March.

The Church In Our Day

Editor's Note: As a documentary service to our readers, the Courier-Journal will carry the text of the American Bishop's new Pastoral on "The Church in Our Day," in a series of weekly installments. The text begins today, and will be continued over the next several weeks. Subheads have been added for clarity, and in a few cases, the text has been slightly condensed.

In addition, a helpful summary of the full text is being offered our readers. It will be found on page 4 of this issue.

The Glory and the Burden of our Times

The Church of Christ is living today a privileged hour. Seldom in her long history has there been so much to do, so many new possibilities for everything except that mediocrity which Plus XI, in the early moments of this hour, repudiated for all Christians.

We see not only the glory but also the burden of this privileged hour. We share the concern of all those who experience the promise and the concomitant uncertainties of this moment. Our deep love for the Church and all her people makes us long to do more, yearn to serve better, wish that we had fewer limitations and were more like to Jesus of Nazareth. At times, we must remind ourselves that it is only when Christ comes back to us that "there shall be no night" (Rev. 21:25). At moments, we must meditate on the great promise of the Master, "I shall indeed be with you soon!" (Rev. 22:20) and on the Church's trusting response, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20).

Bishops Speak as Servants of a Great Mystery

We, your elder brothers in the Church, "shepherds of the flock of God" (1 Peter 5:2), are eager to share with you our thoughts on the Second Vatican Council and on this post-conciliar period. For you are with us "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation" (1 Peter 2:9). You are, furthermore, at once our brothers and sisters in faith and yet our sons and daughters in whom our spiritual fatherhood is realized and put to the test.

We speak not to "lord it over" the brethren nor to "make our authority felt" (Matt. 20:25), though we are conscious of the responsible position we have received from the Lord for the good of the community. We speak in discharge of our responsibility, motivated by a pastoral love that sometimes speaks in silence but chooses now to speak in words. For we bear in our office not only the solicitude of the Church of God and to exercise that "authority which the Lord gave us for building up and not for destroying" (2 Cor. 13:10).

The Mystery of the Church and the Rhythm of Our Times

We must not now become prisoners of the present. Our continuity with Christ and the apostolic age survived all the changing patterns of the past and yet presupposes a continuing relationship with the perennial elements of our religious past. To lose our past, in this latter sense, is to lose ourselves. Such a loss could account for that spiritual amnesia which, it is said, afflicts a generation suffering a cultural and spiritual identity crisis. To demean the Church of former ages is to diminish the Church of the present age and to impoverish the future. We know the past has not been perfect, but we gain nothing by infidelity to it. We profit from the courage to see in the past many things which might have been done better. With equal insight, we see in the

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Two outstanding priests in the Rochester Diocese have been named auxiliary bishops by Pope Paul VI to assist Bishop Sheen in his 12-county Diocese.

Monsignor Dennis W. Hickey, 53, vicar general of the Diocese and pastor of St. Theodore's Church in Gates, and Monsignor John E. McCafferty, 48, pastor of Rochester's Holy Rosary Church, are the two new auxiliary bishops.

They will be consecrated bishops in a ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral, probably early in March, according to Bishop Sheen, who announced their appointments on Wednesday morning (Jan. 10) at the Pastoral Office.

They will bring a variety of experience and talent to their new post of auxiliary bishops. Both have served in the parish ministry and in various administrative posts in the Diocesan Curia.

Priests of the Diocese have evidenced their enthusiastic support of the bishop-elect on two occasions in the past year.

When Bishop Sheen took office 13 months ago, he sent ballots to all his priests, asking them to name those whom they regarded as their leaders. Monsignor Hickey was rated first by the priests, as Bishop Sheen noted when he named him vicar general. "The overwhelming favorite of the priests happily corresponded with my own judgment for he was one of the first priests I visited when I came to this Diocese."

Monsignor McCafferty, too, has recently been given evidence of the high regard in which he is held by other priests

of the Diocese. Only this week, the pastor of Holy Rosary was elected first president of the Priests' Council. He had previously been chosen to represent the priests of his age bloc in the advisory body.

BISHOP-ELECT HICKEY was born in Dansville, N.Y., on Oct. 28, 1914, the son of Walter M. and Aloysia (Sullivan) Hickey. His father resides in Rochester; his mother is deceased.

He attended St. Patrick's grammar school in Dansville and Dansville High School, Colgate

University and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Ordained on June 7, 1941, he served five years as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Auburn. He was then assigned to the Diocesan (Marriage) Tribunal, serving there from November, 1946, to June, 1961. He was appointed pastor of St. Theodore's Church, Gates, in June, 1961, and still serves in that capacity.

He was elevated to the rank

of Papal Chamberlain, with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor by Pope Pius XII in June, 1952. Pope John XXIII raised him to the rank of Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor in July, 1959.

Last January, Monsignor Hickey was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese by Bishop Sheen. He is also vice-

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Pope Fills 2 Vacant Sees

Washington—(NC)—In addition to the appointment of the two new auxiliary bishops to Rochester, Pope Paul has made the following appointments to the hierarchy of the United States:

The Most Rev. Thomas Noa, on his resignation as the bishop of Marquette, Mich., is transferred to the titular see of Talapula.

Auxiliary Bishop Charles A. Salata of Grand Rapids, Mich., becomes the bishop of Marquette.

Auxiliary Bishop George H. Gullfoyle of New York is transferred to the See of Camden.

Mgr. Raymond J. Vonesh, a priest of the archdiocese of Chicago, is named titular bishop of Vanariona and auxiliary to Bishop Romeo Blanchette of Joliet, Ill.

Bishop Sheen's Statement On the Bishops-Elect

"Our Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, has both blessed and honored the Diocese of Rochester by the appointment of two auxiliary Bishops, Monsignor Dennis W. Hickey and Monsignor John E. McCafferty.

"In a poll which I took of the priests when I came here, these two priests were revealed to be very highly regarded by their fellow priests. Beloved by both the clergy and the people of the Diocese, they are also a token of the high esteem in which the Vicar of Christ holds them, to add their names to the successors of the Apostles.

"Their appointments are a wonderful way for the Diocese to begin the celebration of its Centennial year."

Card. Ottaviani Resigns; Yugoslav Successor Named

Vatican City — The internationalization of the Roman Curia moved ahead this week, when a Yugoslavian prelate was named by Pope Paul VI to succeed Cardinal Alfredo Ottaviani, who resigned this week. The retiring Cardinal, 77, was replaced as secretary for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith by Cardinal Franjo Seper, 62, archbishop of Zagreb in Yugoslavia.

Cardinal Ottaviani had long suffered from failing eyesight, which had become worse recently. He was one of the best-

known figures in the recent Vatican II Council, as he defended a consistently conservative view of topics under discussion.

Pope Paul VI has repeatedly stated a desire to give a more international flavor to the various branches of the Curia, highest echelon of the Church's administrative corps. His choice of a prelate from Communist-dominated Yugoslavia to succeed Cardinal Ottaviani is considered by observers as a firm implementation of that desire.

World Week of Prayer For Church Unity, Jan. 18-25

Garrison, N.Y. — (NC) — Christians throughout the world will join in prayer for Church unity during the week of Jan. 18 to 25, which this year will mark the 60th observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The week of prayer, originally known as the Church Unity Octave, was initiated in 1908 by Father Paul Watson, founder of the Anglican-Graymoor Friars here. After Father Paul and his community were received into the Catholic Church, the week of prayer for unity became a Catholic custom. It was made a universal observance by Pope Benedict XV in 1916.

Orthodox, Anglicans and Protestants began joining in the observance in 1941 when the Conference on Faith and Order adopted the January dates for special prayers for unity.

In 1964, with the Decree on Ecumenism of Vatican Council II, a great new impetus was given to common prayer for unity among Christians and since then many Catholics and Protestants have held joint observances of the week.

During this year's observance pulpit exchanges and joint services will take place in many U.S. dioceses.

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Huge Grant For 'Project Equality'

New York — (NC) — Project Equality, the national inter-religious program to promote equal employment practices which was originated by the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, has received a \$522,200 grant from the Ford Foundation.

The money will be used to expand Project Equality, which now operates in 12 metropolitan areas. Although it was founded in 1965 by a Catholic organization and received its first support from Catholic dioceses, Project Equality now has the participation of Jewish, Protestant and Orthodox bodies.

More than 15,000 businesses which do business with church organizations — suppliers, banks, contractors — have pledged cooperation.

The pledge amounts to a promise that equal employment practices will be followed. The firms also submit to a periodic review of their practices. Failure to comply costs the companies their church business.

The Ford Foundation announcement said that "although local (Project Equality) programs are funded locally, requests for national staff assistance in starting the program in new areas are far ahead of capacity. Today's grant will provide aid for expanding the program to nationwide scope, after which it is expected to become self-supporting."

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