

Bps. Sheen and Kearney To Concelebrate Mass At Eastman Theatre Oct. 13

Bishop James E. Kearney will be principal concelebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty, episcopal vicars and members of the Priest Council, to be celebrated at the Eastman Theater on Sunday, Oct. 13, at 5:30 p.m.

The Mass will observe the Centennial of the Diocese and the 60th anniversary of Bishop Kearney's ordination to the priesthood.

The Mass will be that of St. John Fisher, patron saint of the Diocese. Hymns were selected by Father Charles McCarthy, pastor of St. Andrew's who will also direct the singing. The sermon will be preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. James C. McCafferty, pastor of St. Mary's, Rochester, who was chancellor and vicar general under Bishop Kearney.

The public is invited to the Mass. Groups and organizations wishing to be represented in the procession, and to be seated in special section for the Mass, may make reservations with Father Richard R. Brickler at Holy Family Church rectory, Ames Street, 328-3110.

All high schools and colleges will be sending representative groups to be seated in special sections; and various non-parochial organizations will be present in the line of march.

Father Michael F. Conboy is chairman of the arrangements for the Mass. The co-chairmen of ushers are Douglas Walker and Raymond Blind under the direction of Father Daniel J. Wheeland. Father Robert O'Neill will serve as director of Devotions; and Father William J. Flynn will be chairman of traffic. The chairman of altar decorations is Father Albert H. Cason, assisted by Sister Mary Brigid and Sister Kathleen Flaherty of the Sisters of Mercy. The chairman of ceremonies is Father Lewis Brown; and the ecumenical chairman is Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle. Father Richard Brickler serves as chairman of non-parochial societies; and the procession will be directed by Father Eugene P. Sweeney.



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Episcopal Bishop Consecrated

Roman Catholic Archbishop Robert E. Lucey (extreme right) of San Antonio follows the ritual at the ceremony which elevated Dr. Harold Gosnell to the rank of bishop-coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas. Shown during the consecration are (left to right) Bishop Nelson M. Burroughs, vice-chairman of the House of Bishops, co-consecrator; Presiding Bishop John E. Hines, consecrator; Bishop Everett H. Jones of West Texas, co-consecrator; an unidentified acolyte; Bishop Arnold M. Lewis of the Armed Forces, presenting bishop; Suffragan Bishop Earl Dieus of West Texas, presenting bishop; and Archbishop Lucey. More than 1,000 persons attended the rite in the HemisFair Convention Center in San Antonio. (RNS)



Natives Return To Bikini

The U.S. and Micronesian flags were raised in solemn ceremonies as the nine residents of Bikini Atoll return to their island for the first time since it became a nuclear test site 22 years ago. Officials of the U.S. and the Marshall Islands bow their heads as the flags go up to mark the return of human inhabitants. The atoll has been adjudged safe for habitation. (RNS Photo)

Reorganization

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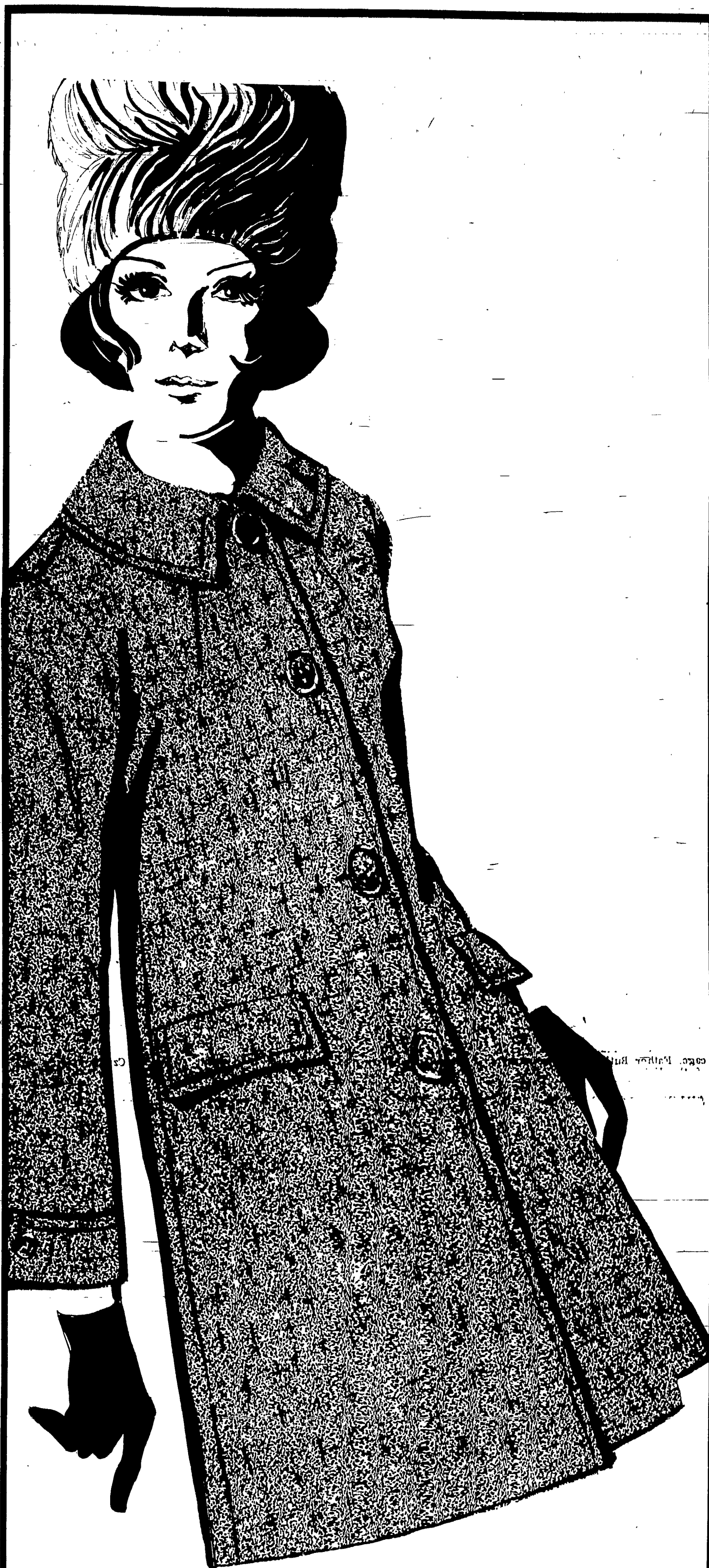
Episcopal Diocese

New York — (RNS) — Plans for major reorganization of the 90,000-member Episcopal Diocese of New York were made public in a sermon here by the Rev. Richard Gary, coordinator of a special study group named two years ago to recommend changes.

Mr. Gary said reorganization was needed to rid the diocese's 198 parishes of "excessive parochialism." Mr. Gary cited "wide-spread indications of confusion and disaffection among the membership and the leadership of the church."

Under the proposed reorganization, groups of congregations would form inter-parish councils. "Clusters" of the inter-parish councils would form three separate regional councils, which would then tie into an overall diocesan council.

Twenty years ago, Mr. Gary said, it was important to have strong, central agencies of the church to stimulate and guide its growth, but now that situation has changed. He claimed the diocese was organized "vertically," with little or no contact between the top administrators and the parishes.



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