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**BISHOP ORDAINS MARRIED MAN TO DIACONATE** — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen lays hands on head of Rev. Mr. Michael Cole to ordain him a permanent deacon during Mass Trinity Sunday in St. Augustine's Church. Deacon Cole, first married man in nation to achieve such office, is former Anglican priest and father of four children.

## Diocese 1st to Have Married Deacon

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen last Sunday ordained a father of four children to the permanent diaconate — the first married man in the nation to achieve this major order.

Immediately after the ordination, and Mass, the Bishop baptized the new deacon's 15-day-old daughter.

He is the Rev. Mr. Michael George Cole, 34, who was an Anglican priest in England before his conversion to Catholicism last year, and who last fall came to the Rochester Diocese at Bishop Sheen's request to become director of the diocesan Family Life Bureau.

The ordination and baptism ceremonies took place Trinity Sunday noon in St. Augustine's Church, home parish of the Cole family.

As a deacon, the Rev. Mr. Cole can perform many of the duties of a priest except celebrating Mass and hearing confessions.

Seminary students receive this major order a year before ordination to the priesthood.

While the office of deacon usually is regarded as a step toward priesthood, Deacon Cole said there was "no likelihood" that he, as a married man, would be elevated to that position with the current Vatican rules on celibacy.

Deacon Cole's elevation was made possible by a concession granted by Pope Paul VI in June 1967. The American bishops approved the guidelines in April 1968.

Deacon Cole was ordained an Anglican priest in Leeds, England, in 1961. He served for nearly three years as a priest of the Church of England parish of Doncaster Yorkshire, and then for five years as Anglican chaplain with the Royal Air Force.

He and his family were received into the Catholic Church on Palm Sunday, 1968, by Bishop William Gordon Wheeler of Leeds.

Deacon Cole and his wife, Valerie, have four children — Gregory, 6, Rachel, nearly 5, Charles, nearly 4, and the newly-baptized Ruth Margaret.

The Church always has maintained a temporary diaconate for men who have completed most of their training for the priesthood. Under the new guidelines for permanent diaconate, some 400 men have applied for the position. Five institutes in the nation are conducting three-year training courses. Most of the candidates have college degrees but no theological training. Deacon Cole was exempt from the course because of his theological background.

Vatican regulations would prevent him from remarrying if he became a widower. The rules also prohibit unmarried men who receive a diaconate from marrying afterward.

Deacon Cole will continue his post as Family Life Bureau director, and will assist in his parish part-time.

Bishop Sheen on his trip abroad last fall met Cole and invited him to take the diocesan position. The Family Life Bureau organizes and directs Pre-Cana and Cana Conferences, coordinates family-centered clubs, directs and promotes Mothers' Circles, and provides marriage counseling.



**BISHOP BAPTIZES DEACON'S YOUNGEST** — Following Mass at which Rev. Mr. Cole was ordained deacon, Bishop Sheen baptized youngest Cole child — 15-day-old Ruth Margaret. Godparents were Dr. and Mrs. John F. Moritone. At Bishop's left is Father Walter Cushing, associate director of diocesan Family Life Bureau.



**BISHOP AND DEACON**—Bishop Sheen pictured with Deacon Michael Cole and Mrs. Cole, who is holding newly-baptized youngest Cole child, 15-day-old Ruth Margaret.

## Corpus Christi Observed Sunday

The Feast of Corpus Christi will be observed in the United States on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. It was noted recently by the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.

The feast has been transferred to a Sunday because Corpus Christi is not observed as a holy day of obligation in the United States.

The calendar for the week of June 1, therefore, includes the Feast of St. Boniface, Thursday, June 5; St. Norbert, June 6; Saturday Mass of Our Lady, June 7; and Corpus Christi, June 8.

## Pope Appoints Pittsburgh Bishop

Washington — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has appointed Auxiliary Bishop Vincent M. Leonard of Pittsburgh to succeed John Cardinal Wright as Bishop of Pittsburgh.

Other actions of the Pope as announced by Archbishop Luigi Riboldi, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., included:

Archbishop Robert E. Lucey, of San Antonio, has retired and will be succeeded by Bishop Francis J. Pury, of San Diego.

Retired Bishop Joseph P. Dougherty of Yakima, Wash., will serve as Auxiliary Bishop to James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles.

## Move Begun to Tighten Britain's Abortion Law

(NC News Service)

London — A Catholic move to tighten Britain's new abortion law, which is causing consistent controversy, was announced here.

Norman St. John-Stevas, Catholic member of Parliament who led the well organized but eventually unsuccessful campaign against the 1967 Abortions Act, said he intends to introduce a private (non-party) bill in Parliament to make it compulsory for one of the two doctors required to approve an abortion to be a consultant specialist.

At present any two doctors can sign the document, allowing a woman to have an abortion legally for a wide variety of causes. This amounts practically to abortion-on-demand.

This follows an abortion case at Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow, Scotland, widely publicized in the press. The aborted baby of a 20-year-old student about 26 weeks pregnant was found to be alive eight hours after being sent in a bag from the operating theater to the hospital incinerator. It was put in an incubator and everything was done then to keep it alive, but it died.

At the subsequent inquiry the jury unanimously recommended a ban on all abortions if the fetus is approaching or at a "viable" age. The jury also recommended that when an infant near or at a viable age — between 28 and 34 weeks, according to evidence at the inquiry — is delivered by abortion, all possible resuscitation facilities should be used.

They had found that the baby in this case had died due to absence of resuscitation immediately after birth, subsequent exposure to cold and the baby's natural prematurity.

The Times, London daily newspaper, said that if the jury's recommendations were implemented, they would, essentially, change the 1967 Abortions Act. The act does not mention the age of a fetus.

During the long debates on the Abortions Act careful consideration was given as to whether a more restrictive timing might be introduced; but the act's sponsor, Liberal David Steel, said most medical and legal advice was against such a provision because of the impossibility of establishing precisely when conception took place.

This obviously suggests that among the more than 30,000 legalized abortions carried out in this country since the Abortions Act was adopted, there must have been many perfectly formed living — or medically "viable" — babies who were dumped in bags and sent off to hospital incinerators.

## Cardinal Heenan To Arrive Monday

London's John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster, is expected in Rochester Monday afternoon, June 9, for an interrupted stay totaling 10 days. He plans no public appearance.

The Cardinal will give two priests retreats, redeeming a long-standing promise to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen. The retreats, at Becket Hall, will begin Monday evening and end Thursday noon, next week and the week following. Cardinal Heenan will be absent from the city between times. The pastoral office reported.

## Cardinal Villot

# Vatican Watchers Focus on Him

By ROBERT HOLTON  
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Vatican City — The "sizing up" of the new Vatican secretary of state is going full blast here these days among Religious and laity of all ranks. And for good reason.

The ecclesiastical and diplomatic fortunes of many men and women inside and outside the church stand to rise or fall in line with the leanings of Jean Cardinal Villot, the 64-year-old French prelate named to the powerful post last month by Pope Paul.

Although Cardinal Villot has been in Rome as head of the Congregation for the Clergy for more than four years prior to his new appointment, surprisingly little is known about his diplomatic tendencies and his feelings on major controversial issues.

In France he was considered as a man who "takes a moderate stand, being as far away from daring progressivism as he is from reactionary conservatism."

"In other words," said a Frenchman acquainted with the cardinal's attitude while in Lyons, "He favors renewal and innovations, but not to the extent of destroying traditional values which he feels are worth preserving."

"He is a very kindly man," said one clergyman. "But he can be a determined man and will definitely be his own man. No matter what, as a non-Italian I am sure he will bring a fresh approach to the office."

Most sources feel it will be impossible to take the real measure of the cardinal until the October Bishops' Synod closes.

"Right now the cardinal is following the lead of other Curia people in trying to keep the waters calm before the synod," one source said. There are reports that several documents are soon to be issued to show the bishops that the Vatican is following up on their suggestions of two years ago.

"Among these are a document from Christian Unity on Mixed Marriages. A change in the concept of administrative canon law to make it easier

to include in books on ecumenism and possibly sometime during or right before the synod a papal addition to the birth control encyclical opening it up a bit more."

All such documents, if past patterns are followed, would come from various agencies concerned but certainly with the backing and active blessing of the secretary of state and the Pope.

"But once the synod ends, you might find the cardinal and the Vatican playing it a bit rougher with the hierarchy," one congregation adviser forecast. "It will be then that you will see the real Cardinal Villot and not before."

## Vatican Denies Any Change in 'Humanae Vitae'

Vatican City — Vatican officials denied here that Pope Paul VI is planning to add an amendment or a new paragraph to his encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, on the subject of birth control.

Several Vatican officials told Religious News Service that rumors to this effect, circulating particularly in Spain, Italy and France, are without foundation. Any new move by the Pope could make trouble and increase the chances of schism, they said, whether he reaffirmed or eased the traditional restriction on contraception.

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With this issue, the Courier-Journal begins a special youth page highlighted by a new comic strip, "Wee Pals." We think the feature will appeal to adults as well. Other Youth Page reading directed toward young readers includes a question-and-answer series, "Teenagers Want To Know," and a column on current records.

For bright reading for and about teens please turn to Page 12.



Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., mother of the late President, hands the deed to a house in Brookline, Mass., where John F. Kennedy was born, to Under Secretary of the Interior Russell Train. The frame dwelling is now a National Historic Site. The late President was born 52 years ago in the two-and-one-half story home. (RNS)