



FATHER HEALEY

NY University Names Priest To High Office

New York — (NC) — Father Timothy S. Healy, S.J., former executive vice president of Fordham University, has been named vice chancellor for academic affairs at the City University of New York.

He is the second Jesuit educator named to a top post in secular education within the past three months.

In July, Father John A. Boland, S.J., was appointed dean of men at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Father Healy has been appointed to the third highest post in the City University of New York which includes five senior colleges, six community colleges and a graduate division. He will be the vice-chancellor for academic affairs, a new office for which a salary of \$32,000 has been authorized.

In 1967 Father Healy, while serving as executive vice-president of Fordham, was named chairman of the College-Bound Corporation, a consortium of 39 schools of higher education in Metropolitan New York, including the City University. The consortium was established to offer an extensive enrichment program to needy high school students with college potential.

In his new post, Father Healy said he expected to work on problems involved in offering remedial programs which will be needed when the city university system implements its open enrollment policy.

Speaking of the open enrollment program planned for 1970 Father Healy said, "To attempt less would be immoral, to diminish the value of the City University diploma in the process would be a fraud."

A native of New York, Father Healy holds a doctorate in English from Oxford University, a licentiate in philosophy from Woodstock (Md.) College, a licentiate in theology from Louvain University and a master's in education from Woodstock College. He did postgraduate work at the Catholic College in Valencia, Spain and took additional doctoral studies in English at Fordham.

Synod Reforms Urged By U.S. Theologians

Dayton, Ohio — (NC) — Fifteen North American theologians and other Church experts have called on Pope Paul to improve the workings of the Synod of Bishops and asked that he increase its collegial nature.

They were careful to point out that their demands are not an attack on the Pope's primacy, and they asked that the Pope personally take part in the synod's working sessions, to begin in Rome on Oct. 11.

The changes were called for by the experts meeting at a symposium sponsored by the Canon Law Society of America at the Bergamo Center for Renewal at the University of Dayton.

A statement issued by the symposium delegates pointed out that when Pope Paul established the synod he said that it, like all human institutions, "can be still more perfected with the passage of time."

They said "the time has come to give the Synod of Bishops a more permanent form so that the collegial nature of the Church may be more adequately realized and more effectively accomplished."

Recommendations made at the symposium ask that:

Diaconate Topic of Vocation Directors

Chicago — (NC) — The National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors meeting here discussed the proposal that a full use of the recently restored program of the permanent diaconate would ease the vocation shortage in the U.S. church.

Pope Paul VI in 1967 restored the permanent diaconate, which had been in disuse for centuries, to a permanent rank in the Church hierarchy. The U.S. Bishops' Committee for the Permanent Diaconate was formed a year ago and training programs are now actively underway in several dioceses.

Father Lawrence Murphy, Rochester diocesan vocation director and spiritual director at King's Prep, attended the Chicago conference.

"The resounding note among the participants and speakers," he said, "was 'Let's show more faith in religious life.'"

"The conference spirit was that we

must strongly urge upon Sisters and priests who are in close contact with youth the desire to demonstrate their enthusiastic convictions about their own vocation."

Vocation work in the diocese will be the subject of the next Clergy Conference, Father Murphy announced. Sessions in Rochester on Dec. 10 and in Elmira on the 11th will present promotional suggestions for stimulating vocation-thinking among diocesan youth and will air the clergy's views on the seminary and convent procedures.

Some 110 Diocesan Vocation Directors at the meeting decided to undertake several courses of action during the coming year. These included:

- To work in close harmony with the recently established National Center for Church Vocations in Chicago, jointly funded and controlled by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men and Women.

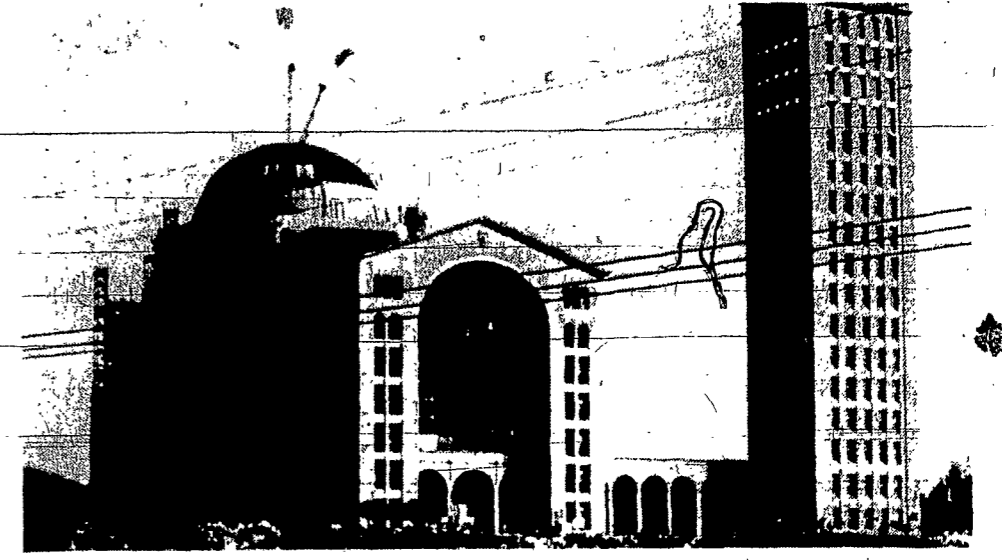
- To cooperate with organizations, such as the National Council of Churches and Jewish agencies on an ecumenical approach to publicizing religious vocations.

- To work on an in-depth study of diocesan seminary enrollment, with special emphasis on the financial problems of seminaries.

- To offer services to the National Catholic Office of Radio and Television in preparation of a television program on the priesthood and Church careers.

- To work with the Serrans, a lay organization which promotes vocations, in helping to set up parish councils on vocations.

A series of workshops was conducted on recruiting vocations in elementary and high schools and colleges; recruitment through the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; prayer life; and psychological testing.



The Basilica of Aparacide do Norte in Sao Paulo, Brazil, honors Our Lady of Aparacide, patron saint of Brasilia. Fishermen found a statue of the Blessed Virgin on the site of the basilica and so many people went to pray there that it became a pilgrimage center. It was decided to build the basilica for the use of the thousands of visitors who flocked to the site every weekend.

Dutch Bishops Favor Open Discussion

The Hague, The Netherlands — (NC) — In a letter to all Dutch priests inviting them to a national consultation in November, the Dutch bishops said that they consider open discussions between bishops and other Catholics — particularly between bishops and priests — a great necessity.

The consultation will be held at Noordwijkerhout Nov. 24 and 25 to discuss the life and work of priests.

They warned the priests, however, that a proposal to make celibacy optional — a proposal generally approved in this country — has little chance of gaining support among the European bishops.

The symposium of the European bishops at Chur, Switzerland, in July made it clear that the bishops will go no further than admitting married men to the priesthood, the Dutch bishops wrote.

The Dutch bishops said that in addition to their solidarity with their priests and bishops, they also have a solidarity with the Pope and the other bishops.

"Our ties with the bishops of the world and with the Pope as the successor of St. Peter are dear to us," they said, "and we are willing to accept the consequences of those ties."

The Dutch bishops' letter to their priests said: "We value you highly who, in the face of great difficulties and often with great readiness to bear sacrifices, remain loyal to the celibate state of life chosen for the sake of the kingdom of God." The bishops said they regard inspired celibacy as a great value to be maintained in the Church of the future.

- The Synod of Bishops meet regularly.

- The Pope participate as often as possible in the actual working sessions of the synod.

- National conferences of bishops collaborate with the Vatican on synod agenda.

- Accepted conclusions of the synod be implemented as matters of the Church's top priority.

Symposium delegates also made recommendations for the relationship between the Holy See and national bishops' conferences. They asked that:

- Liaison between Pope and national conferences be maintained through the president of each conference. This method would obviously bypass the apostolic delegate, Father Maurovich said.

- Universally important matters be promulgated to the people through the synod in order to insure proper consultation and effective implementation.

The symposium, in its statement, said the Holy See, in the procedures for selecting bishops, "should be one of confirmation or approval, not direct appointment."

Total Media Apostolate Urged by Rome Prelate

Ottawa — (NC) — The Church must develop an awareness and use of communications media "in the whole range of the apostolate" to achieve a worldwide "pastoral action" according to the man in Rome in charge of implementing it, Bishop Augustine Ferrari-Toniolo, pro-president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications.

"The message (of the Church) must not only be read but also seen, must not be static but mobile. The truth must be seen to emerge from reflection expressed in audi-visual terms," he told an audience at Saint Paul University here.

"Effort must be made to reach contemporary man wherever he is found, where he lives, thinks, hears and sees."

Admitting the credibility gap and some structural difficulties in moving complete information quickly within the Church, he said these are obstacles to be overcome.

"There is some distrust of information that emanates from official sources; people doubt its accuracy and completeness. This is also true of ecclesiastical sources. Confidence has to be built up."

It involves overcoming the credibility gap, establishing a free flow of complete information within the Church, training and assisting personnel in the mass media (and developing Church facilities where necessary), assisting laymen and clergy to develop "a critical faculty" for evaluating communications through the media.

Every diocese, he said, should establish a communications office, advised by a board of experts, with the dual role of imparting religious information and assisting media to participate in the "whole range of pastoral action." Similar offices should be established at national and continental regional levels.

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