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## MSGR. HOGAN SUCCEEDS BISHOP SHEEN

### Will Continue To Work, Bishop Says

Bishop Sheen announced his resignation from duties as Bishop of Rochester with the same dramatic flair that has marked his three years as our shepherd.

Speaking to hastily assembled newsmen from the Rochester papers, radio and television channels, who jammed his office with floodlights, cameras, cables and recording machines early Wednesday morning, the Bishop said: "In resigning from the diocese, I am not resigning my work. I am preparing to regenerate it."

"It is with considerable reluctance that I leave. But I have the ineffable joy and happiness to submit to the people of the Rochester Diocese a tall, handsome, black-haired, young Bishop, Joseph Hogan."

Six feet, four inches tall, ruddy complexioned, smiling and well-spoken, the new Bishop-designate faced the press standing beside Bishop Sheen's desk.

Disclosing a long-kept secret obviously delighted the Bishop as he revealed that on May 8, his 74th birthday, he had personally asked Pope Paul VI to permit him to give up the diocesan burdens. When the Holy Father asked him on what date he hoped the retirement might begin, the Bishop chose Sept. 20, the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination.

"The Holy Father smiled," he recalled, "wrote the date on a pad and put a question mark after it. When I asked what the question mark meant, he answered: 'Oh, it won't be long after that.'"

Newsmen pressed Bishop Sheen with the obvious question: "Will you please tell us why you asked the Pope for retirement at 74? Wasn't this the time you would have been obliged to submit a resignation?"

"No, I will not tell you," he said firmly but with a smile. "That reason is known only to the Holy Father."

Asked if his duties here had discouraged him, the Bishop quickly responded: "In the service of God we may never become discouraged. But remember these are times when the Lord is cleaning the Church. It's uncomfortable to be around the house when its cleaning time."

The Bishop was himself named to the leadership of the Rochester Diocese just less than three full years ago — October 26, 1966 — and was installed in his see on December 15th of that year.

He announced that he will move to New York City immediately after Bishop-designate Hogan's ordination and installation scheduled for November 27 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

The priests of the diocese were especially cited "among the many consolations, I have had here." "What glorious, good priests we have striving, organizing, preaching with the dust and fire of the world on their clothes."



Bishop-designate Joseph L. Hogan is introduced to newsmen by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, who will remain here as administrator of the diocese until his successor is consecrated.

(Photo by Gordon Masseur, Democrat & Chronicle)

## Help the Missions This Sunday

Pope Paul, Bishop Sheen Urge Mission Sunday Aid, Page 6.

The Rochester Diocese will turn its prayers and generosity this weekend toward the 850 dioceses in the mission world which rely on the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the bare necessities to assist the people they serve.

On this annual October Sunday, more emphatically than on any other occasion in the year, Catholics across the nation are asked to love the people of the entire mission world and to support the Church's work for

them as we would if the missionaries came begging for their people at our own front door.

Sermons and collections in every parish will emphasize that 95 men and women from the 150,000 priests, nuns, brothers and lay who mission work depends on the funds raised on Mission Sunday.

Last year the Rochester Diocese contributed \$1,036,000 from all

sources to the total mission work of the Church. (See the parochial and diocesan figures in the chart on page 17). Nearly \$771,557 of the grand total was given directly to the Pope's mission fund, the Propagation of the Faith.

The Mission Sunday collection of last October amounted to \$187,205.

In a letter read in diocesan churches last Sunday, Bishop Sheen asked all parishioners "to make a sacrifice that will show your love."

Praising the parishes for giving so generously last October that the Rochester Diocese was fifth highest in the United States for support of the Holy Father's missions, he said: "May we keep it that way. We should share our blessings and our faith."

(The Bishop's letter is reprinted on this page. Portions of the annual mission statement from Pope Paul VI are printed on page 6.)

Rochester diocesan — Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil, Sisters of Mercy in Chile, diocesan priests in Bolivia, members of religious orders like the Franciscans, Maryknollers, Jesuits, Dominicans, Divine Word Fathers — personally serve about 5 million poor people, for mission-land parishes are huge geographically and numerically.

In proportion to the needs still remaining, Christianity, even after 20 centuries of spreading the word of God's love, is still in its infancy. Africa's population of 260 million includes only 30 million Catholics; Latin America numerically constitutes almost one third of the universal Church yet it has only one priest for every 10,000 Catholics. Asia has a population of more than 900 million non-Christians.

## Vietnam War Moratorium Hailed as Successful

By WILLIAM RYAN

Washington — (NC) — Whatever its effect on ending the war in Southeast Asia, the Vietnam Peace Moratorium of Oct. 15 was a resounding success in welding together diverse segments of the national community in a perhaps unparalleled demonstration of unity.

Civic and business groups, high school and college students, religious leaders of all major faith groups united in single-minded resolve that a way to end the war must be speedily found.

(Locally, students from St. John Fisher College joined students from Nazareth in a day and a half of observance of the moratorium.

(The events began Tuesday noon on the Nazareth campus where the flag was lowered to half mast, and a reading of the names of the American dead in the Vietnam war was begun. In the evening the students made a candlelight procession from Nazareth to the Kearney auditorium on the Fisher campus, where a short liturgy was held and a 24-hour fast began.

(Wednesday was marked by canvassing area homes, a rally, a second march from Nazareth to Fisher, and concluded with an evening Mass for peace at Fisher.)

If President Nixon was conspicuously absent from the events of Oct. 15, having declared earlier that the administration would be unmoved by such mass movements, he nonetheless announced that a national day of prayer for peace would be held one week later on Oct. 22.

Involvement in the moratorium ranged from using Oct. 15 as a day of "prayer and fasting" for the 1.5 million Catholics in the Detroit archdiocese to a mass rally on the Washington monument grounds, followed by a candlelight march to the White House.

The nationwide moratorium was supported by the American Jewish Congress and the American Association of University Professors.

Three officials of the United States Catholic Conference issued a statement saying the moratorium might serve the nation "as the occasion for re-examination, reflection and prayer."

The officials — Msgr. Marvin Bordelon, director of the Division of

World Justice and Peace; Father Laurence T. Murphy, director of the Division of Campus Ministry, and Msgr. Thomas Leonard, director of the Division of Youth Activities — said it was "proper" for American citizens "to examine their country's policies, especially in time of war, and to make their convictions known to their leaders."

Most active involvement in the moratorium was on the nation's college and university campuses.

The pattern was similar at most Catholic colleges and universities. There were Masses for peace, vigils, fasting, and all-day seminars which involved faculty members as well as guest speakers from outside.

In only a few cases, however, was

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## Consecration Scheduled For Thanksgiving Day

Msgr. Joseph Lloyd Hogan, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's parish, born in Lima, educated in Rochester's seminaries and experienced in nearly every facet of diocesan work, will become the seventh bishop of this 101-year old diocese on Thanksgiving Day.

Chosen by Pope Paul VI at the personal request made by Bishop Sheen nearly five months ago, Bishop-designate Hogan's appointment on Wednesday brought widespread joy to the entire diocese.

Bishop Sheen coupled announcement of his own resignation from diocesan responsibilities with the presentation of his successor.

He remains apostolic administrator of the diocese, with the faculties of a residential bishop until the ordination of the new Bishop and his installation at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Nov. 27.

Msgr. Hogan, 53, standing 6 feet 4 inches, an outstanding athlete in seminary days, holds the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology from the Angelicum University in Rome acquired 7 years after his ordination in Rochester on June 6, 1942.

Rated an excellent preacher and warm pastoral person, the Bishop-designate has had parish duty at St. Mary's, Elmira and a year of service as pastor at St. Margaret Mary's.

Nearly 19 years of his priesthood have been spent as teacher at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, St. John Fisher College, De Sales High School in Geneva, and Becket Hall, the middle-seminary he founded in 1965.

Msgr. Hogan revealed that he had first heard of possible appointment as Bishop two weeks ago in correspondence with the Apostolic Delegate in Washington. He "sat on the story" with lips sealed as is required by Church law, until Bishop Sheen told him on Tuesday that formal announcement would come from the Vatican on the next morning.

He phoned his widowed mother, Mrs. Mary Shaw Hogan, in Lima to break the news, and discovered that neighbors who heard a quick-breaking newsflash on the radio had already told her. Bishop Sheen, sharing the phone conversation from the bishop's office, told Mrs. Hogan: "I am delighted it is your son, one of our own priests."

His brother, Father Michael Hogan, 44, ordained in 1951, has been Bishop Sheen's secretary since January, 1967.

When the question of a new staff for the new Bishop was discussed in the Pastoral Office during the hubbub of the press conference, the younger Father Hogan laughed: "I'll be the new Bishop's secretary? I guess not — I may be the first one to get moved out."

## Bishop Kearney's Statement

"Msgr. Hogan has had an outstanding record of service to God in his diocese. He has prepared for his new obligations by scholarship and service, both in the seminaries, high school and pastoral work.

"While we deeply regret losing this outstanding priest, Bishop Sheen, we feel that the Holy Father has given us an excellent man who has devoted his whole life to the diocese in practically every field of diocesan service."

Among many consolations I have had in the diocese, the greatest of all have been the joy of good priests, and they are many.

No profession in the world enjoys the solidarity of the priesthood. To be a priest and to be a friend is equivalent. No introduction is required; no time-space of acquaintance is a condition, but only that we love Christ and His Church. And what glorious, good priests we have, striving, organizing, preaching with the dust and fire of the world on their clothes, but carrying the Presence and the Power of God with them everywhere.

I can understand with Our Lord why on the night of His retirement He told His priests how much He loved them, and I am certain my devoted priests know this in their hearts.

God gives Himself to us according to our thirst, but He is also the Thirsty One. In that Thirst, to all my people, I am yours and you are mine.

The new Bishop has three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Brooks, acting principal of Lima High School and the Misses Mary Rose and Phoebe who live with their mother in Lima.

Responding to Bishop Sheen's declaration: "I am happy knowing that a good shepherd will care for the lambs and the sheep which will always be dear to my heart," the Bishop-designate said:

"I wish to offer an early assurance to the priests and people of our diocese that I shall strive to the best of my talents to be a devoted Shepherd-in-Christ.

"I promise to provide leadership by prayer and work and to reflect the image of the Triune God — the providence of God the Father, the suffering servanthood of the Son and the love of the Holy Spirit."

The seventh Bishop of Rochester, like his immediate predecessors, is

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## Mrs. Hogan: 'A Neighbor Called Me'

Mrs. Michael C. Hogan, mother of Rochester's new bishop, will be 84 Oct. 27.

"But I'm very active," she said the other day. "I bake and can, get the girls' dinner at night, go to Bingo; there's nothing like being able to get around."

So she was getting around, minding her own business at home in Lima Wednesday morning when a neighbor telephoned with the news, off television: Father Joseph Hogan had been appointed bishop?

"I couldn't believe it," Mrs. Hogan remarked quietly. "He comes to see me every Wednesday, and he's coming today, so I suppose he'll tell me more about it."

"I think it's wonderful, of course. But he had a very good parish . . ."

"He called this morning from the pastoral office, and Bishop Sheen talked to me a long time. He talked about Michael, Father Michael, being administrator at Honeoye Falls. That's nice."

Two priests in the family — one to be bishop, the other to live right near home; equally good news to their mother.

Father Michael Hogan who has been Bishop Sheen's secretary, will administer St. Paul of the Cross parish because of the illness of Father John Wheaton.

Mrs. Hogan has been a widow since 1945. The two daughters living with her are Mary Rose, who works at Kodak, and Phoebe, employed in the office of the Canandaigua Veterans' Hospital. Another daughter, Gertrude, is Mrs. Arthur Brooks, principal of the grade school in Lima. A son, Daniel, lives in Rochester.

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## Text of Bishop Sheen Statement

Bishop Sheen's formal announcement of his resignation from the Diocese of Rochester and of his future plans:

On May 8, 1969, during an audience with His Holiness Pope Paul VI, I begged him to accept my resignation as Bishop of Rochester.

With unbounded hope for future blessings, I thank the Holy Father not only for accepting my plea, but also for naming one of our priests as my successor. In the hallings by the priests of the diocese, when I came to Rochester, Bishop-elect Joseph L. Hogan was among the highest on the list.

Nothing succeeds like a successor. Because I love the diocese, I am happy knowing that a good shepherd will care for the sheep and lambs which will always be dear to my heart.

When Bishop-elect Hogan finished teaching in the Seminary, the seminarians presented him with a zucchetto (the small purple hat worn by the bishop) as their judgment of his worth and a hopeful augury for the fu-

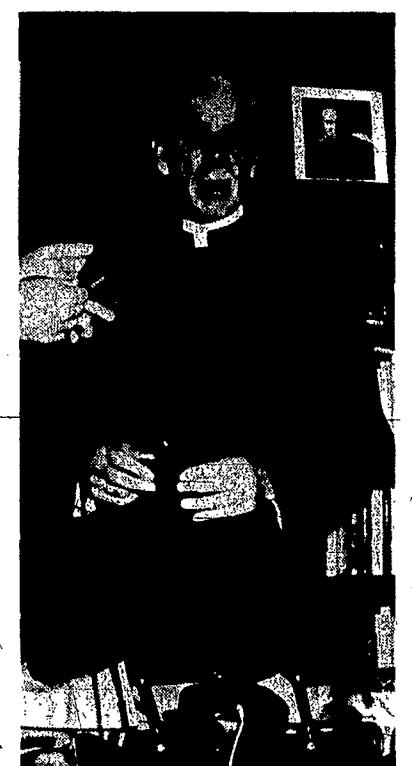
ture. The Holy Spirit has sealed what their hearts but dimly guessed.

With my resignation, according to ECCLESIAE SANCTAE (#15, Par. 4), the Priests Council, the territorial and all other Vicars except the Vicar General are terminated.

In accordance with the wish of His Holiness, in a letter written to me, I shall serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Rochester with the faculties of a residential bishop until Bishop-elect Hogan takes possession of the See."

I am resigning the diocese, I am not resigning work. I am not retiring, I am regenerating.

After the Installation of Bishop Hogan, I shall return to New York not to retire, but to spend myself and be spent in any work the Lord sees fit to use me. One task already assigned is that of developing dialogue with atheists and Communists in keeping with my recent appointment to the Secretariat of the Holy See.



Bishop Sheen announces resignation to Rochester newsmen at Pastoral Office Wednesday morning.