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This Is Week That Was for New Bishop

"It has been a frantic, busy dream" is Bishop-designate Joseph L. Hogan's description of the excitement of his first week since the news came out that he would succeed Bishop Sheen next month in the shepherding of the Diocese of Rochester.

Pope Paul VI announced the new Bishop's assignment on Oct. 15 coupled with the equally unexpected word that Bishop Sheen, 74, would retire from the diocese when Msgr. Hogan was formally installed.

The Holy Father also gave Bishop Sheen the honorary title of Archbishop and the authority as "residential bishop" to administer the diocese until the new Bishop took over.

The ceremonies of ordination and

installation will take place in Sacred Heart Cathedral at noon on Friday, November 28.

The Pope's delegate in Washington, Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, assisted by Archbishop Sheen and Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, of Paterson, will be the principals in the ritual.

A trip to Washington to confer with the Apostolic Delegate, meetings of the Pastoral Office with diocesan officials, presence at a meeting of the Personnel Board discussing new appointments, discussions on the complex pre-arrangements for his installation ceremonies, a session with a tailor for new episcopal vesture and a sitting for a formal photo-portrait—have taken the Bishop-designate's time and thought this week.

"And on top of all that," he said, "I'm trying to act like a pastor at St. Margaret Mary's, which can be a big job in itself, day after day."

Last Sunday proud and delighted parishioners felicitated their pastor as he greeted crowds after Masses. Devotions of Forty Hours opened at St. Margaret's on Sunday and large groups of city priests invited for the services and for dinner had their first opportunity to congratulate Msgr. Hogan personally.

St. Margaret Mary's is planning a special send off for Msgr. Hogan when he offers his "last Mass as pastor" at 9 o'clock on Thanksgiving morning.

"Our original intention to have the ordination ceremonies on Thanksgiving Day was changed," Msgr. Hogan said, "when we realized it would be an inconvenient date for many people. Family entertaining, holiday Masses in the parishes and travel difficulties were reasons for putting the Cathedral event and the banquet over to the next day."

The new Bishop will live in the apartment Archbishop Sheen has occupied in the diocesan building one floor beneath the Pastoral Office.

The Archbishop has already begun shipping off cartons of books and personal effects to an apartment he is preparing in the upper 70's in New York City.

Catholic Panel Urges 'CO' Review

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Washington, D.C. — (RNS)—Catholics in the United States have been urged to do more for the members of their Church who elect to be selective conscientious objectors.

In addition, the Division of World Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC) asked the federal government to consider granting amnesty to those selective CO's in jail and to give those who have left the country "an opportunity to demonstrate that they are sincere objectors."

In a statement which the division entitled "The Catholic Conscientious Objector" and which was issued on Vietnam Moratorium Day, the World Justice and Peace unit asked:

1. Each diocese to initiate or cooperate in providing draft information and counseling.
2. Catholic organizations which might qualify as alternative service agencies should apply for that status and "provide meaningful employment for the conscientious objector."

The USCC division recalled the pastoral letter of the American hierarchy issued last November which urged modifications in the draft law which would make it "possible, although not easy," for selective CO's to refuse military service especially if such duty would "subject them to the performance of actions contrary to deeply held moral convictions about indiscriminate killing."

Archdiocese Plans \$125,000 Poverty Drive

Detroit — (RNS) — Grants totaling \$125,000 for nine projects designed to bring creative solutions to poverty problems have been approved by John Cardinal Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit.

The grants will help finance training of black experts on Detroit geography, a program seeking justice for farm workers, a black cultural project, a ghetto newspaper, two groups concerned with particular areas of the inner city, a citizenship activity drive, a welfare rights federation, and a Pontiac experiment in self-help activities.

Financing will come from a special 1968 Archdiocesan Development Fund collection, which raised \$1 million.

Contestation Brought To Pope's Front Door

BY PATRICK RILEY
(NC News Service)

Rome — Glorifying in its own disorganization, clamoring for attention but striving mightily for dignity, the second Assembly of European Priests has brought contestation to the Pope's front door.

It brought it there at the very moment when, inside that door, a synod of the world's bishops was discussing how to restore authority to the Church.

Yet the Assembly of European Priests maintained throughout its week-long (Oct. 10-16) meeting that it was not attempting to destroy the Church's authority but to bring forth new ways of exercising that authority, ways the modern priest can live with.

The assembly itself was a curious mixture of piety and provocation. The priests sent Pope Paul VI a respectful letter asking for an audience, and got a regretful and courteous refusal. They said they understood.

Before disbanding, they walked the few blocks from their meeting hall to St. Peter's Basilica, where they prayed and sang hymns at the spot where St. Peter is buried.

Yet they voted through a series of proposals that would have knocked the curl out of Martin Luther's hair, at least the young Luther:

The college of cardinals, of course, is to be abolished. The Curia is to be reduced to an organ of information and coordination along the lines of the UN. Decisions in the Church are to be taken by the Synod of Bishops, which includes non-Christians and women. The synod elects the pope, who is given a fixed term of office. The pope has no executive instrument for making his authority felt. He becomes, to use a term that was excised from a draft before the assembly, a "chairman."

So much uneasiness was felt within the assembly at the sort of theology incorporated in the assembly's declarations, that on the final day a preface was adopted describing the declarations as "only moments of a reflection that starts from life."

One of the assembly's leaders, Father Michael Raske of Germany, said: "The strange opinions you find here have been fathered for the most part by the difficult conditions many of these priests find themselves in. This in many cases is the fault of the official Church. We only object to the way authority is used."

Quiet Revolution Takes Place On Collegiality at Rome Synod

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Special Correspondent

Vatican City — A quiet revolution took place in Vatican City in the first week, rather than on the first day, of the extraordinary Bishops' Synod called by Pope Paul VI.

The bishops had been asked to consult on the relationship between the papacy and the bishops, in other words, to pinpoint the practical meaning of episcopal collegiality. They were eager to clarify their relations to the Pope and to each other and some practical decision was expected to emerge before the Synod's end.

But the first point for the Synod to establish was whether Pope Paul VI, or better, his administrative organ, better known as the Roman Curia, really believed in episcopal collegiality. At the end of the first week, few observers doubted that collegiality had asserted itself.

Without the dramatic struggle over "authority," which had been forecast, the principle already asserted by Vatican II was reaffirmed and accepted, not in any formal way, but in the tacit consensus of all concerned.

Reports from nine groups, organized by language last week to discuss privately the issues of church government, contained in almost every case these proposals:

• That the Synod of Bishops, expressing the principle of collegiality proclaimed by the Ecumenical Council, Vatican II — the idea that the church is ruled by the Pope with the bishops — should meet every year, instead of at the call of the Pope.

• That the agenda of the Synod should be open to suggestions by national bishops' conferences instead of being fixed by the Pope and the Roman Curia.

• That between sessions of the Synod there should be permanent representation of bishops in Rome to consult with the Pontiff and the Curia on matters affecting the whole church.

• That Pope and bishops refrain from making declarations or rulings of major importance without consulting each other on their consequences for the whole church — the most direct reference to the storm of dissent that followed Pope Paul's unilateral renewal of Roman Catholic prohibition of contraception last year.

• That the principle of "subsidiarity" — the idea that a higher level of authority should never intervene in those matters within the competence of a lower — be strengthened.

Before the Synod even opened, the decision was made to scuttle that first working paper, or schema. A revised paper was read at the opening of the Synod by Franco Cardinal Saper, prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

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Mexican Bishop Assails Plans for \$13 Million Shrine

Cuernavaca, Mexico — (NC) — Plans for a new \$13 million shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe near Tepeyac mountain were denounced by Bishop Sergio Mendez of Cuernavaca as "an outrage to the Christian conscience."

Bishop Mendez said the new shrine "would be a luxury offensive to the poverty of the great majority of our pilgrims." He told the press that the plans for the shrine are counter to the spirit of the Latin American bishops' guidelines on social justice and the Mexican bishops' statements on pastoral renewal.

Msgr. Guillermo Schulenburg, director of the present shrine, which commemorates an apparition of the Blessed Virgin on Tepeyac mountain in 1531, said the new church will accommodate 20,000 worshippers.

The present shrine has been damaged in a general sinking of the front walls. Engineers believe the old structure will not last more than 10 years even after restoration.



Pope and Cardinal Suenens

Pope Paul VI chats with Leo Joseph Cardinal Suenens, Primate of Belgium and widely considered the leader of the "progressives" in the Catholic hierarchy, in the Synod Hall at the Vatican during the Synod of Bishops. Cardinal Suenens, an advocate of greater sharing of responsibility in the Church and of changes in the system for electing popes, has been subjected to intensive though indirect criticism by several prominent members of the Roman Curia. (Religious News Service)

Msgr. Roche Appointed Pastor of Ithaca Church

Appointment this week of Msgr. William M. Roche, diocesan superintendent of schools for more than a decade, as pastor of an Ithaca parish was accompanied by designation of his associate, Father Daniel R. Brent, as his successor.

Also announced was the appointment of Father Richard C. O'Connell as pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Addison.

Msgr. Roche was named pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca.

The pastoral appointments followed the deaths Oct. 11 of two pastors—Msgr. Donald M. Cleary in Ithaca and Father William M. Thomas in Addison.

Msgr. Roche, 46, has headed the diocesan school office since 1959, having served as assistant superintendent for three years prior to that appointment.

Father Brent, 38, has been associate superintendent since 1959.

Father O'Connell, 44, is assistant pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon.

During Msgr. Roche's tenure as school superintendent the Catholic system, locally as well as nationally, has seen many progressive changes.

Currently it is facing a financial crisis, primarily because of rising costs and a decline in religious vocations.

He has pointed out repeatedly of late that many Catholic schools will have to close unless additional funds are obtained from Catholics themselves as well as from government and industry.

Msgr. Roche also has weathered some rather stormy controversies over the closing or proposed closing of some schools and lately over the introduction of sex education into the curricula of diocesan schools.

Msgr. Roche was a flier, sailor and public relations specialist before entering the seminary.

Born June 18, 1923, in Corning, he attended St. Vincent de Paul School and Northside High School here.

In 1941 he entered Park's Air College, St. Louis, to study aeronautical.

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Msgr. William M. Roche (right), diocesan superintendent of schools, chats with his successor in that post, Father Daniel Brent, Msgr. Roche this week was appointed pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Ithaca.

BISHOP-DESIGNATE JOSEPH L. HOGAN

Vatican, Canada Set Diplomatic Relations

Vatican City — (NC) — The Holy See and Canada have established diplomatic relations.

Pope Paul VI appointed Archbishop Emanuele Chiarizo-apostolic nuncio to Canada. He had been apostolic delegate in Canada since June 12, 1967.

(A nuncio — instead of nuncio — is named when the Holy See's representative is not the dean of the diplomatic corps.)

Canada named John Robbins ambassador to the Holy See. He is the former president of Brandon University in Canada.

In Ottawa, meanwhile, the Canadian

government issued a statement saying: "The government of Canada and the Vatican are confident that this step will contribute to their mutual understanding and to exchanges of views between them in international matters."

At a news conference, Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said negotiations begun last winter had resulted in a decision to exchange ambassadors at the ambassadorial level.

Meanwhile in Rome, Bishop Alexander Carter president of the Canadian Catholic Conference, said the exchange of ambassadors between the Vatican and Canada was not influenced "in any way, publicly or privately" by the Canadian hierarchy. Bishop Carter is a delegate to the world Synod of Bishops.

Bishop Carter further stressed that this will not change the attitude of the Catholic Church in his country in ecumenical ventures and that, as result of this governmental action, the Church "seeks no new status and asks for no special privileges." He emphasized that this was a matter between departments of state who were seeking their mutual betterment by the relationship.

The bishop added:

"I would like to make the three following points clear. 1. Diplomatic relations with the Vatican will not affect the situation of the Catholic Church in Canada. 2. The Church seeks no new status and asks for no special privileges. 3. The Catholic bishops, in union with all the Catholic Church in Canada, will continue their ecumenical activities with their sister churches and with all groups as in the past on the basis of equality, mutual esteem and fraternal love."

Trudeau proposed establishing relations with the Vatican during his election campaign in June 1968. He took the initiative towards negotiations last February when he visited Pope Paul in Rome.

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