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Deadline Set Back For New Mass Rite

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Vatican City — Use of the new "Order of the Mass," scheduled to go into effect universally on Nov. 30 of this year, may be delayed as much as two years because of difficulties arising from translating the standard Latin text into modern languages, the Congregation for Divine Worship announced this week.

The new "Ordo Missae" contains basically a shortened version of the Offertory prayers, the same four "Canons," or rites of Consecration, already in use in the United States and almost the same rite of communion now in use, but in a somewhat shortened form.

Father Annibale Bugnini, C.M., secretary of the congregation, in an article published in L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City, daily, said that "the new and old rites will continue to coexist side by side until Nov. 30, 1971, and only then will the new

Mass ritual become obligatory after a period of two years of transition and translation."

(At their meeting in Washington, D.C., Nov. 10-14, the U.S. bishops are scheduled to discuss a proposal to put the new Mass Order into effect on next Palm Sunday, according to Father Frederick J. McManus, director of the secretary of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy.)

(Regional meetings of parish priests and laity throughout the Rochester Diocese, according to Msgr. William Shannon, chairman of the diocesan Liturgical Commission, have already begun to discuss guidelines for the new Mass ritual and make plans for instructing whole parishes in its implementation before next Spring. Representatives of every parish are learning the "how and why of the new changes in the Mass," he said.)

As Father Bugnini wrote: "Regarding the use of modern languages, which is the normal case for the Mass of the People, it is up to the bishops' conferences to fix a date on which the new Ordo goes into effect, taking into account naturally both the translations and the preparation of the clergy and the faithful."

Once the new Ordo goes into effect, he said, it will be up to national bishops' conferences to decide on the appropriate gestures and actions of the faithful during the Mass, veneration of the altar and of the Gospel books, the rite for the sign of the cross, the possibility of two or three readings from the Bible and the possibility of women reading from the Gospels preceding the reading of the Gospel itself.

In other words, it is being left open to the various Bishops' conferences to decide if women should be selected as readers of the Epistle and other readings before the Gospel if this is read by the priest.

In the United States, the bishops' diocesan liturgical commissions, and consultants studied a draft translation of the new Order of Mass last July and August. Their criticisms, with proposals from other countries, were worked into the translation by the International Committee on English in the Liturgy.

In mid-summer Archbishop Leo C. (Continued on Page 2)

Latin Mission May Get Spanish Help

Madrid — (NC) — Spanish Bishops will sit in on discussions of U.S. mission work in Latin America when the American hierarchy's sub-committee for the Latin missions meets in Miami in February.

The need for more Spanish priests to be sent to the clergy-poor sections of South America has frequently been cited by American missionaries there and the Latin American Bishops' Council.

Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll of Miami, acting for the U.S. Bishops, conferred here with officials of the Spanish Bishops' Commission on Foreign Aid, which is responsible for the Spanish priests and lay volunteers working in Latin American dioceses.

The dioceses in the U.S. maintain about 3,400 priests, Religious and laymen in Latin America.

At the Inter-American bishops' meeting in February the qualifications and role of U.S. missionary personnel will be reappraised, particularly the training and adaptation of priests and Religious for the various countries in Latin America.

(The Diocese of Rochester has 25 Sisters and priests in parish work in Brazil, Bolivia and Chile.)

Bishop Michael J. Green of Reno, also visited the Spanish bishops' commission, seeking priests and seminarians for his diocese. From discussions with Mr. Antonio Garrigos, the Spanish commission's secretary, there have emerged several possibilities for further help to other areas in the United States in need of Spanish-speaking priests for the migrant groups from Latin America, Bishop Green said.

There are already teams of Spanish priests in seven U.S. dioceses.

Miami itself has been a center of heavy immigration from Spanish-speaking countries, particularly the neighboring island of Cuba. There are 150,000 Cuban exiles in Miami in addition to seasonal migrant workers from Latin American countries averaging 50,000.

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Thanksgiving Clothing Drive

All over the world there are children who need the clothes that American families outgrow and replace. The Thanksgiving clothing drive, scheduled for next week in most of the parishes, is the first step toward getting the supply to where the demand is greatest. The little girl above symbolizes the need in Latin America. The African boy, shy and puzzled, models his first pair of whole pants, a gift from last year's collection.

Was Fired by Hospital

New Jersey Sister On 'Outstanding List'

(NC News Service)

Jersey City, N.J. — A nun, fired last summer as superintendent of the children's emergency center at the Jersey City Medical Center, was this week cited by the Jersey Journal as one of 12 outstanding women of Hudson County.

Sister Carmela Marie Christiano was honored with a gold medallion and citation saying "She represents the venturing of the religious person into worldly problems not only with a good heart but with obvious success."

Sister Carmela was fired from the children's shelter with several charges against her, but she denied them all, insisting that she was working for the betterment of the children. She instituted several changes that improved the living standards in the shelter and often worked 24 hours at a time.

Charges leveled against the nun included one saying she could not work with the nine employees under her and another that she had treated the children brutally.

"Being named a Woman of Achievement by the daily newspaper here seemed to vindicate Sister Carmela."

"Institutionalizing of children is sad enough," the citation said, "but when the facilities are far from adequate someone must bring this to the public's attention and it took a spunky little nun to do this."

"Realizing the humanity of the little people housed at (the shelter), Sister Carmela inaugurated a campaign of childhood rights to insure these youngsters of some semblance of the normal life," the citation said.

"By doing so," it continued, "she brought to the attention of Hudson County and indeed the nation the deplorable conditions that existed in the shelter."

An official report, made earlier this year, said the shelter was "reminiscent of Oliver Twist." But the city fathers fired the nun interfering with its management.

The citation said that "a loving, trusting atmosphere was created

amidst the children but yet neither she nor her aides could really attend to all the needs of the children. So Sister Carmela instituted a volunteer program to lighten the burden. Outdoor play and recreation was stepped up for the children. The right to privacy was upheld by separating boys' and girls' dormitories.

"Now with Sister's help," the citation continued, "a child could join a scout troop and have real friendships to boast about."

WHEC-TV Coverage a Blessing

Plans Readied for Installation

The promise of television coverage of the ordination ritual for Bishop-designate Joseph L. Hogan at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Nov. 28 will spare Msgr. John S. Randall and Father Joseph W. Dailey acute embarrassment in the next few weeks, they admitted today.

"We just can't seat everyone who wishes to get on the invitation list," the two arrangements chairman said.

"The Cathedral seats less than 900 people. But Bishop Hogan's personal invitation list, plus the clergy and religious lists and representatives from the laity and parishes put our totals 'way over capacity'."

"Maybe many who get an invitation will not answer the R.S.V.P. requesting specific seat tickets, if they know they can see the entire ceremonies on television."

WHEC-TV, Channel 10, will use four cameras and a large technical staff to carry the solemn ceremonies from 11:30 a.m. to conclusion on the day after Thanksgiving.

Despite the demand for seats, which also marked the installation of Archbishop Sheen in December 1968, the ceremonies set for Bishop-designate Hogan will be shorter and simpler than any seen in Rochester before.

Father James Moynihan, diocesan

Bishops May Take Dramatic Steps to Aid Impoverished

(NC News Service)

Washington — The American bishops will consider some dramatic new proposals aimed at putting the Church more completely at the service of the poor and disadvantaged, when the 280 U.S. Bishops meet here for the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) next Monday through Friday.

One major item on the agenda prepared for the gathering will be a progress report on the United States Conference Task Force on Urban Problems. The bishops depend on the Task Force to provide information and coordination for various diocesan agencies concerned with social action and the problems of the poor and minority groups throughout the United States.

A variety of other concerns will range from seminary renewal to changes in the liturgy.

The bishops meeting in plenary session will hear men chosen for their expertise in minority groups problems and race relations: Father Geno Baroni, executive director of the Washington archdiocesan Office for Urban Affairs, Mr. Andrew Gallegos, a representative of the Spanish-speaking community, and Father Donald Clark of Detroit, president of the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus — are expected to give the bishops a first hand report on the needs and aspirations of minority group members, and to suggest ways the Church might give fuller and more effective witness to its concern for the disadvantaged.

One such proposal to be considered by the bishops is the creation of a Central Office for Black Catholicism. The Black Catholic Clergy Caucus have complained about lack of meaningful contact between the black Catholic community and members of the hierarchy.

John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, president of the NCCB, will make a

major public address on current issues in the Church, at the opening of the meeting.

The bishops will meet in private sessions but they will be twice-daily briefings by news secretaries and panels of bishops and other experts.

Many of the bishops are expected to attend a Mass for peace at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception here, Nov. 10. The principal celebrant of the Mass will be James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles.

The homily will be preached by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen who has become an outspoken advocate of American disengagement from military conflicts.

The NCCB will consider guidelines proposed by its Committee on Priestly Formation for improvements for seminary training. If the detailed guidelines are approved by the NCCB and by the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education, they will become the official policy in U.S. seminaries.

Proposed liturgical changes to be considered by the bishops include new translations of the Ordinary of the Mass, and new rites for baptisms, marriage and funeral liturgies. The translations were prepared in consultation with the International Committee on English in the Liturgy.

The bishops will consider a statement on priestly celibacy which two NCCB committees — those on priestly formation and doctrine — were asked to prepare when the most recent bishops' meeting was held in Houston, Tex., last April.

Other matters to be considered by NCCB include proposals on arbitration and mediation of disputes between priests and their bishops; a report on due process prepared by the Canon Law Society of America; and a report by an ad hoc study committee on a survey of Catholics concerning possible changes in the observance of holy days.

chancellor, who will be master of ceremonies in the sanctuary, said that the new liturgy for ordination of a bishop (not "consecration") as decreed by the Vatican in June, 1968, eliminates some of the former elaborate pomp and cuts the length of the service.

Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, the Apostolic Delegate, will ordain the new bishop and lead him to his throne on the left side of the cathedral sanctuary. Archbishop Sheen and Bishop Lawrence E. Casey of Paterson will assist the delegate.

"We expect that 25 or 30 other bishops, including Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York City, will be present," Father Moynihan said.

"In the new ritual all bishops who wish to participate are co-consecrators and will share in the vital moments of the ceremony — the laying on of hands and the prayer of consecration."

Msgr. Hogan has selected a number of relatives and lay-friends to participate in the ceremonies.

At the Offertory his two nephews, James, 6, and John, 5, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lamphere of Lima, will carry the cruets of wine and water in procession to the Bishop's throne.

Bearing the other offertory items (chalice, ciboria, candles) will be Mrs. Gertrude Brooks of Lima, his sister; Mrs. Laura Wosnick, his housekeeper at St. Margaret Mary's rectory; Mr. and Mrs. John Fagan, close friends; Sister Mary Stepania, principal of St. Margaret Mary's School; and Sister Rose Alice of the Nazareth college faculty.

In another ceremony of community-participation, 14 people including two married couples, four youngsters, two Sisters, three priests, a Brother and a seminarian, will come to the throne after Msgr. Hogan's installation to pay their respects in the name of all the laity and religious who constitute the diocesan family of the new Bishop.

This group will include: Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Immaculate (Continued on Page 2)

Italy... All Soul's Day Major Event

By JAMES C. O'NEILL
(NC News Service)

Rome — Prima Porta — Rome's "uptown cemetery" — on the feast of All Souls, last Sunday, looked like a typical American university town on the day of the "big game," except people were carrying chrysanthemums rather than wearing them.

All Souls' Day, known in Italy as "Il Giorno dei Morti," or the "Day of the Dead," is a profound national experience. Unlike many Anglo-Saxon countries, Italy and other Mediterranean countries are deeply concerned with those who have gone before.

In Rome, traffic jams for miles around the city's two principal cemeteries: Verano in the center of the city, and Prima Porta (first gate into Rome) on the outskirts of what used to be ancient Rome.

What happens in Rome on All Souls' Day is not simply an isolated phenomenon, but typifies what happens all over this part of the world.

People, by the thousands, come through the gates of the cemeteries

They come by car, by bus and even frequently walk miles to visit their dead. The outskirts of the cemeteries are flanked by stalls, mostly selling "mums," the flower of the dead.

(In Italy it is a social error to send mums as a gift to an Italian family, because the flower has become especially linked with the Day of the Dead, most probably because it is such a late-blooming one as the Italian winter draws on.)

But other stands sell hand turned terracotta vases, dried grapes, figs, ripe olives — another seasonal product — and other types of food for the passing visitor who is hurrying to only one place: the cemetery.

There are women wearing black dresses, black stockings and heavy veils, but whose faces are shocking in white suffering and mourning. Then there are the children. They cry out, pointing to a particular tomb. "Ecco Nonna, Ecco Nonna," which means "Here's Grandma."

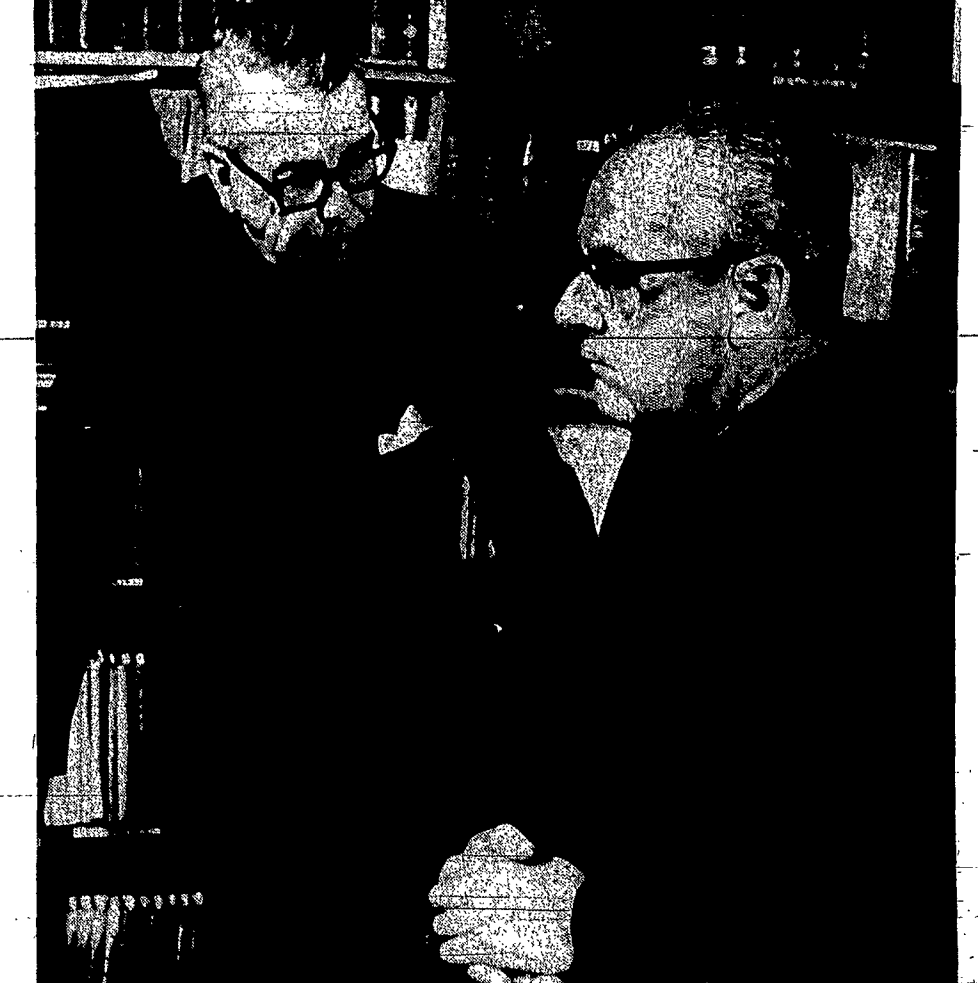
And everywhere there were flowers, thousands of them. Every tomb is decorated, even those of foreigners

who sleep in an alien Italy. The Italians themselves place the flowers on tombs which no one visits because they feel no one should be alone and ignored on the Day of the Dead.

As it turns from daylight toward night the lamps, electric and paid for by contract on a yearly basis with the municipal office in charge of cemeteries, glimmer and grow bright. To an American the whole scene of row after row of modest graves, bedecked with flowers and washed by silent lamps, takes on the air of a place for the living rather than the dead.

There are many visitors who express concern that the thousands who come to the Italian cemeteries seem to feel that the dead are still present on the spot. Some say it is bad theology and others suggest the intense devotion even smacks of animism.

But the fact is that the Day of the Dead of Italy — and it should be said the devotion given over the whole year — reflects a family warmth and sentimentality that is welcome in a computerized society that reduces parents and friends to "The Loved Ones."



Bishop-designate Joseph L. Hogan is pictured deep in discussion with Msgr. John S. Randall, arrangements chairman, on plans for the Bishop's ordination ceremonies Friday, Nov. 28, at Sacred Heart Cathedral and for a luncheon at Cardinal Mooney High School which will follow the installation of Rochester's seventh Bishop, Cardinal Cooke and 25 other Bishops will attend.