

Bishops Act on Many Fronts

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United States Catholic bishops formally endorsed compulsory celibacy for Latin-rite priests for the third time in as many years during their semiannual meeting in Washington.

They also extended the hand of understanding to former priests by asking procedures and saying that their talents and education "should not be lost to the Church and the human community."

The bishops' strong support for the Church's discipline on celibacy warned that it was "not realistic" to expect change in it.

On the other hand, their statement remained cautiously open-ended.

It was not "the last word to be said," according to Archbishop Francis J. Furey of San Antonio, Tex., chairman of the task force that produced it.

"But right now and in the future, as far as the bishops are concerned, we think celibacy is a good thing," the archbishop said.

While the National Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the substance of the 27-page document, with two recorded "no" votes, they narrowly divided on the question of releasing it as a formal statement.

That vote reflected a number of new elements in the celibacy argument. The vote to release it was 145 to 88, just three more than the needed majority for approval of NCCB formal statements.

Proposals Approved On Due Process

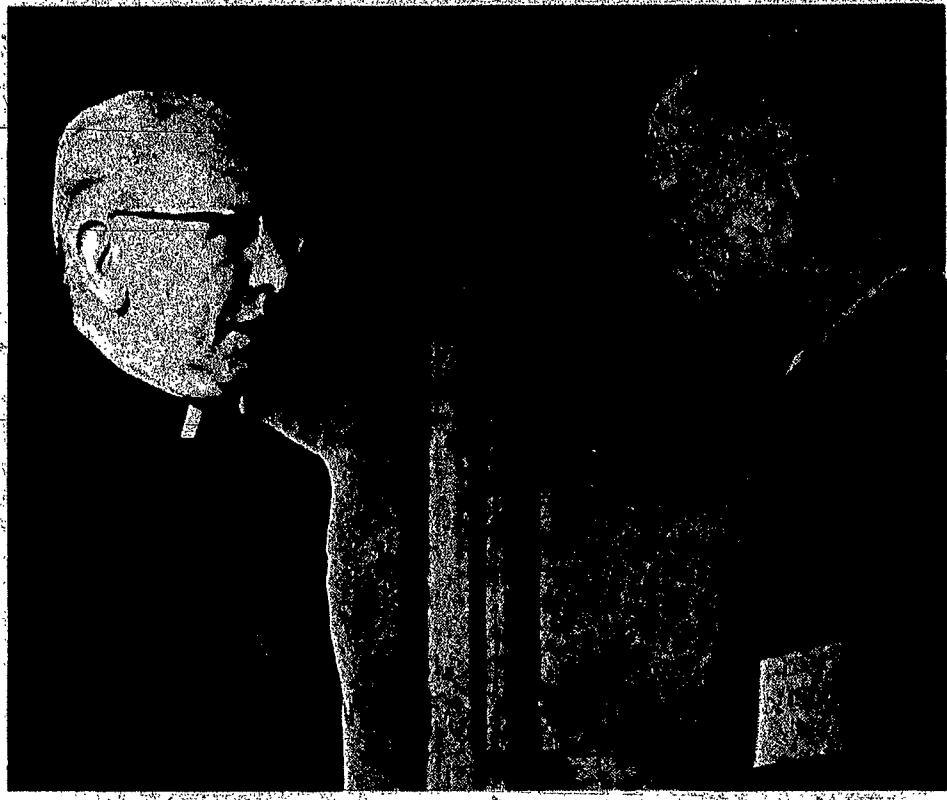
The bishops, responding to Vatican Council II mandates about the exercise of authority, approved a pioneering set of experimental proposals on due process covering conciliation, arbitration and administrative discretion relating to disputes involving the rights of individual Catholics.

The recommendations were drawn up by the Canon Law Society of America and submitted by the Bishops' Committee on Canon Law.

While it is up to each bishop to implement the recommendations as he wishes, the proposals were described as a major development in the field by any national episcopal conference in the Catholic Church.

The suggested due process procedures call for:

- Creation in each diocese of a five-person Council for Conciliation whose members would serve as conciliators but "have no power to force



John Cardinal Krol, left, archbishop of Philadelphia, and John Cardinal Dearden, archbishop of Detroit, chat before the opening of the Fall meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. Cardinal Krol is vicepresident of the conference, Cardinal Dearden president. (Religious News Service)

the participants to accept a solution."

- Creation in dioceses of an Office of Arbitration, with a panel of 10 persons to accept complaints and designate impartial arbitrators.

- Establishment of a diocesan Court of Arbitration to serve as a board of review on awards rendered by arbitrators.

New Unit Set Up To Nominate Bishops

The bishops took another innovative step toward Church decentralization and national Church unity by approving a new committee for the nomination of bishops.

The new committee, composed of seven bishops from all parts of the nation, will provide a national screening process for bishop candidates. John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, will head the committee.

Though not yet in operation, the new procedure will have the bishops' nominating committee send its recommendations for bishop to Rome and to the apostolic delegate in the U.S.

Under the current selection process, nominations are made periodically in each of the 29 ecclesiastical provinces in the country, with the provincial

archbishops sending the nominations to the apostolic delegate, who forwards them to Rome.

Commenting on the new procedure, Auxiliary Bishop Mark Hurley of San Francisco hailed "a very wonderful change," explaining that for the first time "we will have across-the-board representation of persons deciding on a national level who should be bishop."

Black Leadership To Be Sought

Responding to a plea by Catholic black caucus leaders last March, the bishops instituted a National Office of Black Catholics, aimed at "developing black leadership in the Church."

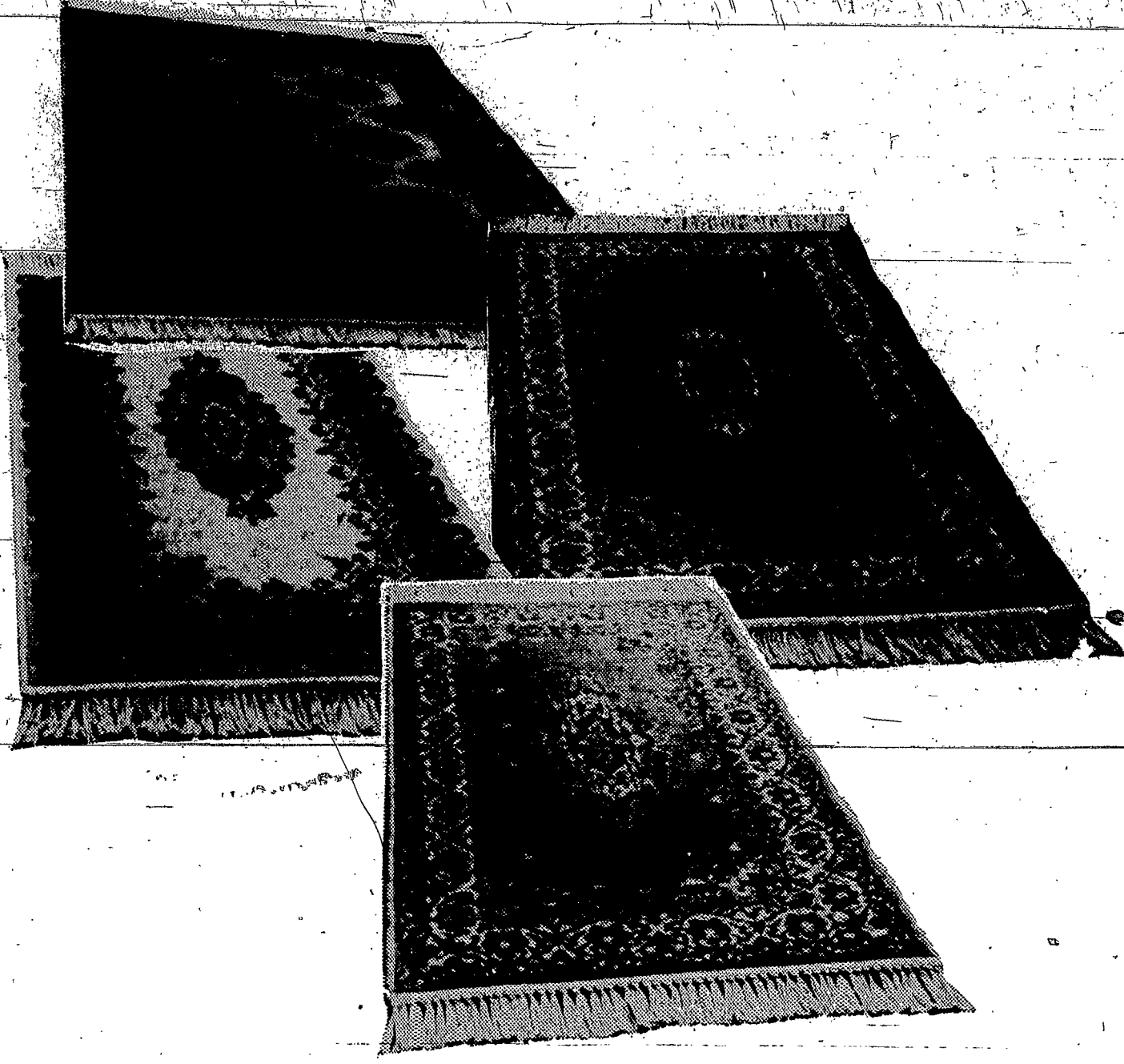
Auxiliary Bishop Harold Perry, S.V.D., of New Orleans, the nation's only black prelate, said that he hoped the new office would "encourage middle class and wealthy black people to invest their funds, talents and interests in the needs of poor black people."

It was emphasized that the new office was "sponsored by" the bishops but would not be "controlled by" them.

The black office will begin with the election of a 21-member board of directors chosen by black priests, Sisters and laity.

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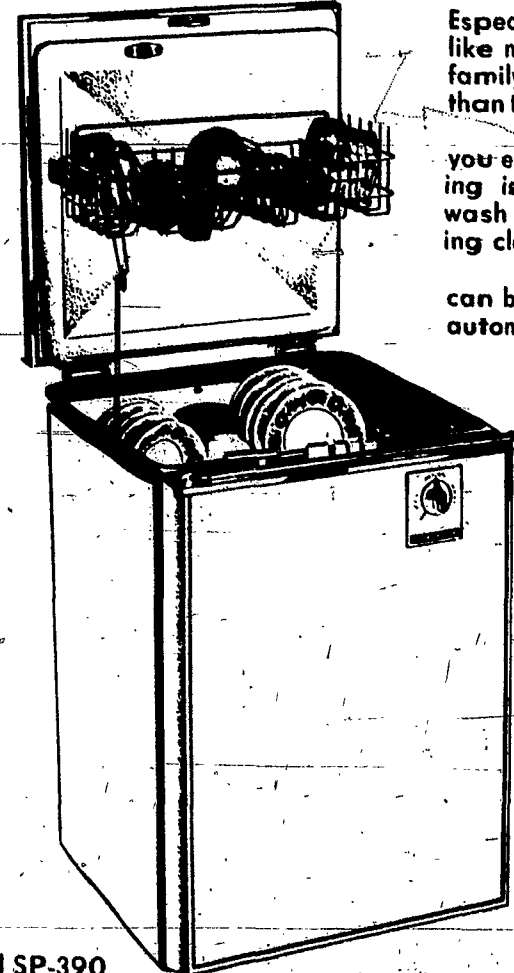
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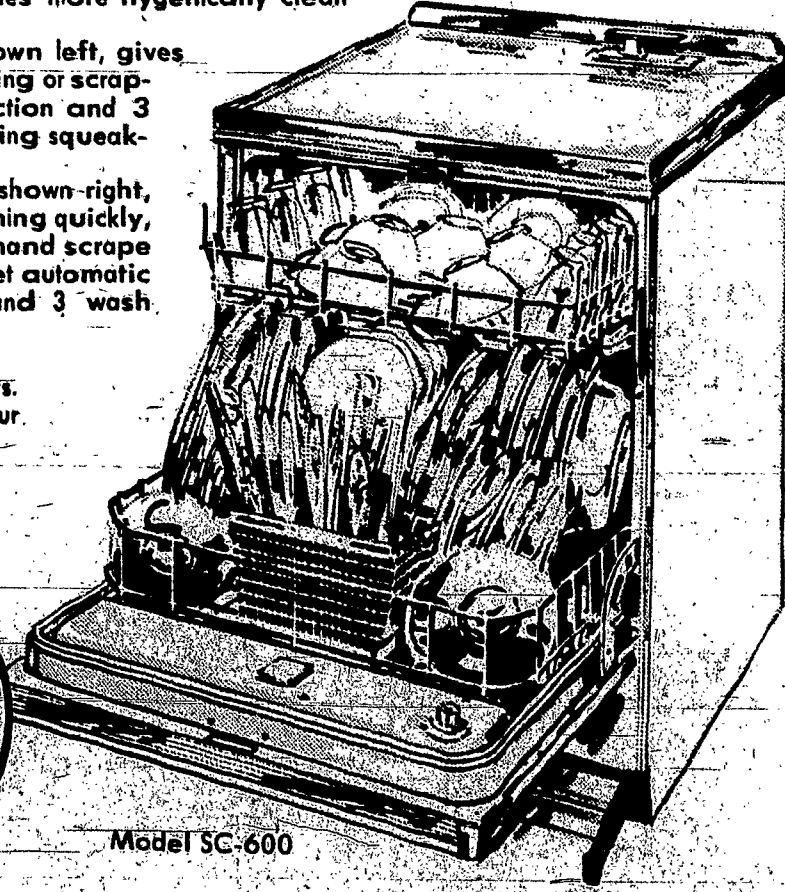
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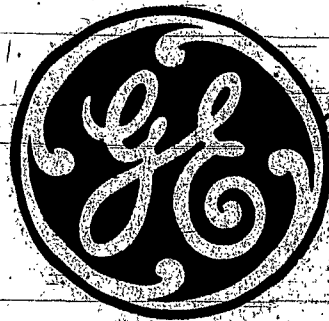
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Dignity Bishop

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 Casey and the guest of honor, Bishop Hogan.

Special Dignity For Family Of Bishop

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 Mrs. Hogan remembers moving into the seminary house on Grieg Street, late Conception Church of 1935 for his final years.

He moved to St. Bernard's a year later and then to his home in the city only during vacation and in the summers.

Fr. Lloyd's ordination at St. Rose's cathedral in June 1935 was a big thrill for the family event for the small family first Mass was in St. Rose.

Another Lima-born priest favorite in the town, Fr. O'Connell, returned to her "son's" first solemn Mass Hogan recalled.

On the Sunday morning of the bishop's accession to the high office, Bishop Hogan turned to offer his first Mass and to preach in his church at 12:15.

Ladies of St. Rose's preparing a coffee-reception hall immediately after Bishop and his mother the congregation, she then return to the Hogan family "small, just-family" said.

\$50 Million Pledged Fight Poverty

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 projects aimed at alleviating poverty.

The resolution suggests funds for such projects: ration, community non-profit housing corporation, schools, credit unions, industrial and job training programs.

In the discussion approval of the Crusade general prelates suggested lion was not a high priority. Many dioceses independent spending millions needs. John Cardinal Dearden observed that \$29 million in inner-city work. Bishop of Kansas City-St. Joseph noted that 10 per cent of diocesan fund raising projects.

A coalition of 10 Catholic organizations here during the NCCB meeting for statement on the Viet protest that began in their meeting.

Replying to that Cardinal Dearden said: on at least two occasions name war. We could not elements."

Officers Elected At Bishops Meeting

Washington — (NC) Archbishop John M. O'Connor was elected to term as treasurer of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States at the semiannual meeting of the U.S. Bishops here.

Archbishop Maguire, Cardinal Cody of Chicago.

The bishops also elected chairmen of USCC departments:

- Health Affairs: Fr. Guilfoyle of Camden, N.J., Archbishop William of Milwaukee.

- International Affairs: Bishop Edward Swanswick, director of Catholic Services, succeeding Archbishop John J. Dougherty.

- Education: Auxiliary Bishop A. McManus of New York, succeeding Ernest Manchester, N.H.

- Social Development: Monsignor Gallagher of Ithaca, succeeding John Cardinal