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Varied Experience Has Shaped the New Bishop

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Bishop Hogan pointed out that continuance of the nearly 40-year-old high school "is an outstanding tribute to the faith and sacrifices of the two Geneva parishes." Established in 1930 as an extension of the St. Francis de Sales parochial school, it was the first parish high school of the Diocese outside the city of Rochester.

In 1955 Father Hogan was recalled to Rochester to serve on the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary. For the following ten years he taught hundreds of major seminarians, many of them serving as Rochester diocesan priests today. He was successively professor of fundamental theology, professor of catechetics and dean of studies.

During this period Father Hogan also taught part-time at St. John Fisher College as professor of theology, and at the Sisters of St. Joseph Novitiate as professor of ascetical theology.

It was in 1965 that Father Hogan assumed a new and to him very different role in diocesan history. It came about as a result of a major decision by diocesan officials to change the education pattern for the priesthood.

Up to that time, seminarians had four years of high school studies and two years of college courses at St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, followed by two years of philosophy and four years of theology at St. Bernard's Major Seminary.

It was decided to change this "six-

six" plan into a "four-four-four" arrangement, bringing a more standard separation between the high school, college and theology departments. The new plan provided for four years at St. Andrew's, four years at St. John Fisher College, and the final four years at St. Bernard's.

The plan called for construction of a residence adjacent to Fisher College for seminarians who would be taking their college courses there. It was to be called Becket Hall (after St. Thomas Becket).

Father Hogan was chosen by Bishop James E. Kearney and Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey to help found the proposed residence. The Becket Hall project was combined with a campaign for funds for the two Catholic colleges in the Diocese—St. John Fisher and Nazareth.

During the months of intensive campaign effort, Father Hogan became somewhat of a fund-raiser—traveling with other clergy throughout the Diocese to address priest and campaign worker meetings. He thus had an opportunity to meet leading laymen in various diocesan areas.

Describing these journeys in an article in last year's Diocesan Centenary Supplement of the Courier-Journal, Father Hogan wrote:

"I told our priests in these conferences that every efficient human organization had to take inventory of itself from time to time; if it was to remain

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Thumbnail Sketch of Bishop

Born: March 11, 1916 in Lima, Livingston County, N.Y.
Parents: Michael C. Hogan (deceased) and Mrs. Mary Shaw Hogan, 84.
Schools: St. Rose, Lima; Lima High School; St. Andrew's Seminary; St. Bernard's Seminary.
Ordained: June 6, 1942, by Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

ASSIGNMENTS AND FURTHER STUDIES

1942-45—Assistant, St. Mary's Church, Elmira.
1945-49—Professor of Latin and Social Studies, St. Andrew's Seminary.
1949 —Master of Arts Degree, Canisius College, Buffalo.
—Teacher, Summer School at Canisius College.
1949-51—Graduate studies in Theology at Pontifical University Angelicum, Rome, Italy. Degree, Doctor of Sacred Theology (S.T.D.).
1951-53—Faculty, St. Andrew's Seminary, teaching Latin and Religion.
1953-55—Principal, De Sales High School, Geneva, N.Y.
1955-65—Faculty, St. Bernard's Seminary. Professor of Fundamental Dogma. Dean of Studies and Professor of Catechetics. Also Professor of Theology at St. John Fisher College and of Ascetical Theology at Sisters of St. Joseph Novitiate.
1965-67—First Rector, Becket Hall, diocesan preparatory seminary residence adjacent to St. John Fisher College.
1966 —Raised by Pope Paul VI to rank of Domestic Prelate with title of Right Reverend Monsignor.
1968 —Appointed Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit, June 27, 1968.
—Named a Diocesan Consultor by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.
1969 —Named seventh Bishop of Rochester, October 15; ordained and installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral, November 28.

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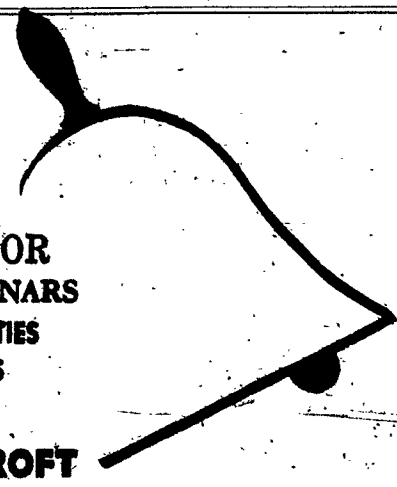
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