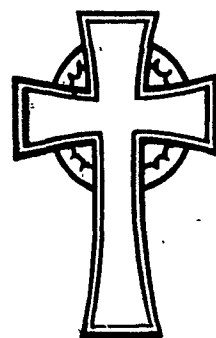


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Bishop Hogan: An Expert's Views on Vocations

Nearly two decades of educational training of youth—particularly of seminarians—highlight the 27-year priesthood of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Speaking of vocations, the Bishop feels that many vocations are brought to flower and fruition today, as formerly, mostly through "the power of example."

In his own case, as an instance, he recalls the influence upon him "of the example and inspiration of my pastor, Father John F. Farrell," who served at St. Rose of Lima Church, Lima, from 1912 to 1930. "He was truly a priestly priest," the Bishop remarks.

Religious vocations often come about, he adds, "because of the tendency in youth to hero-worship—to imitate someone they respect and admire."

Obviously, he concluded, to be successful they must include prayer, dedication and sacrifice.

Asked whether he foresees any change in the current decline in vocations, the Bishop cautiously replied that possibly there may come a change because of new trends in both the training of religious and the widening avenues for their apostolic endeavors.

"There are hopeful signs," he declared, "in new approaches being made in the entire vocation program, and the fact that these changes will be brought to greater attention of the people."

As an instance, he noted one among many in the training of major sem-

inarians at St. Bernard's. Until recently the fourth and final year students were ordained deacons and in the following May or June were ordained to the priesthood.

Under the revised program the deacons are assigned to approximately a year's service either in parish, inner city, youth or other specialized fields, before being ordained priests.

This tends to broaden their outlook and experience and in most cases to give them more assurance in the final decision for priesthood. It is on their own request to the Bishop and to Seminary officials, when they feel they are ready for ordination, that the date for receiving priesthood is scheduled.

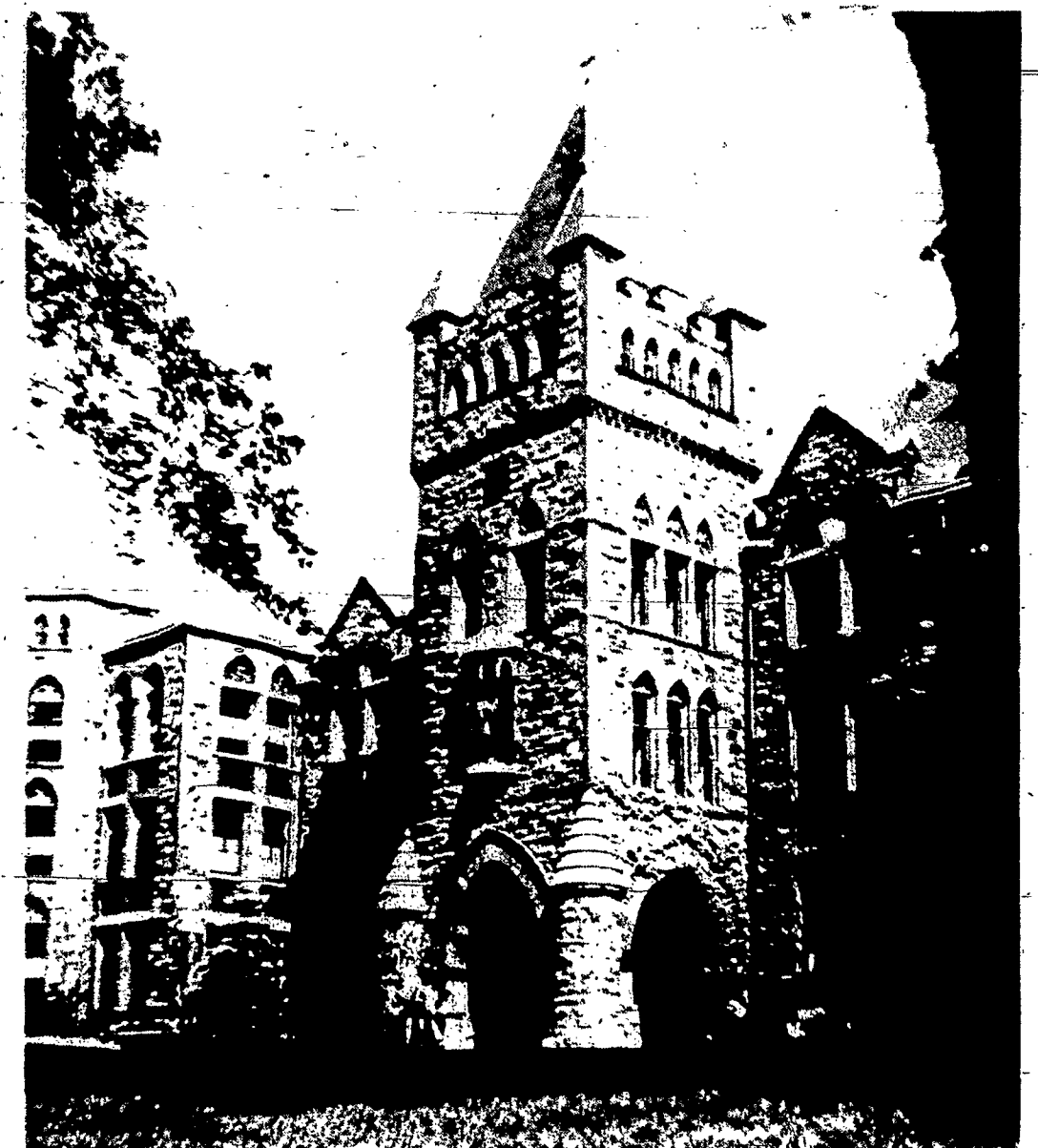
The Bishop commented on other differences in seminary education between the 30's and the 60's.

"A great change has occurred, too, in seminary discipline," he declared. "This, of course, has been the subject of much discussion by those who were trained in the old system where daily life was well regulated by bell and fixed schedules."

A certain sternness of discipline in the 30's, he said, "was somewhat reflective of family life at the time."

"Nevertheless, although some of us experienced trying moments, there was a certain genuineness about it all. We had many light moments, and made our own enjoyments. Through it all there developed a wonderful spirit of

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St. Bernard's Seminary where Bishop Hogan not only took his major theology studies but also taught for 10 years.

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