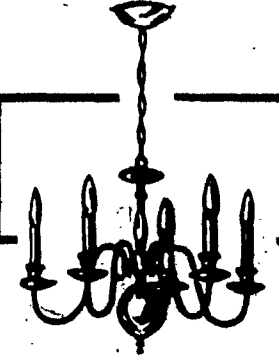


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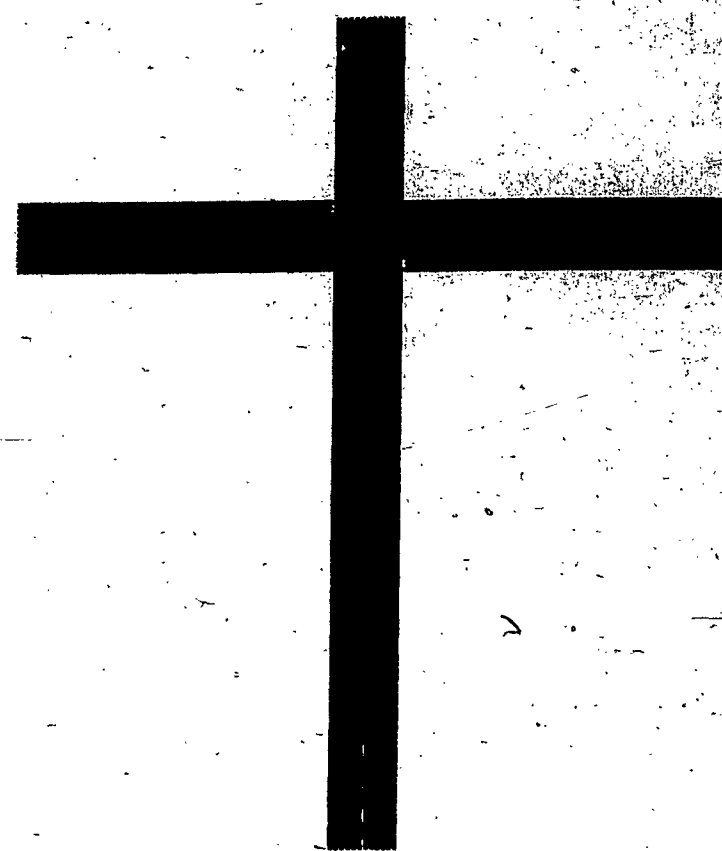
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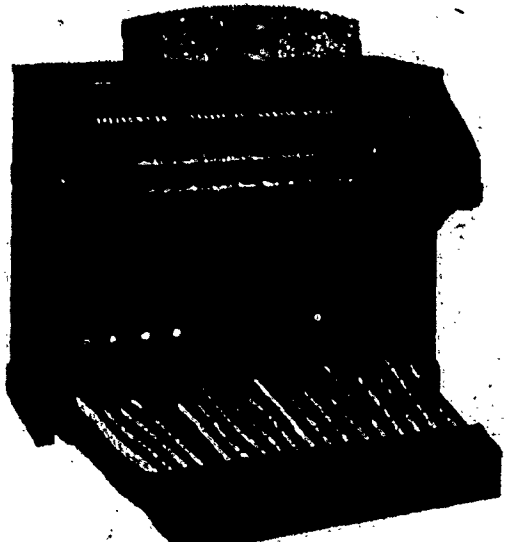
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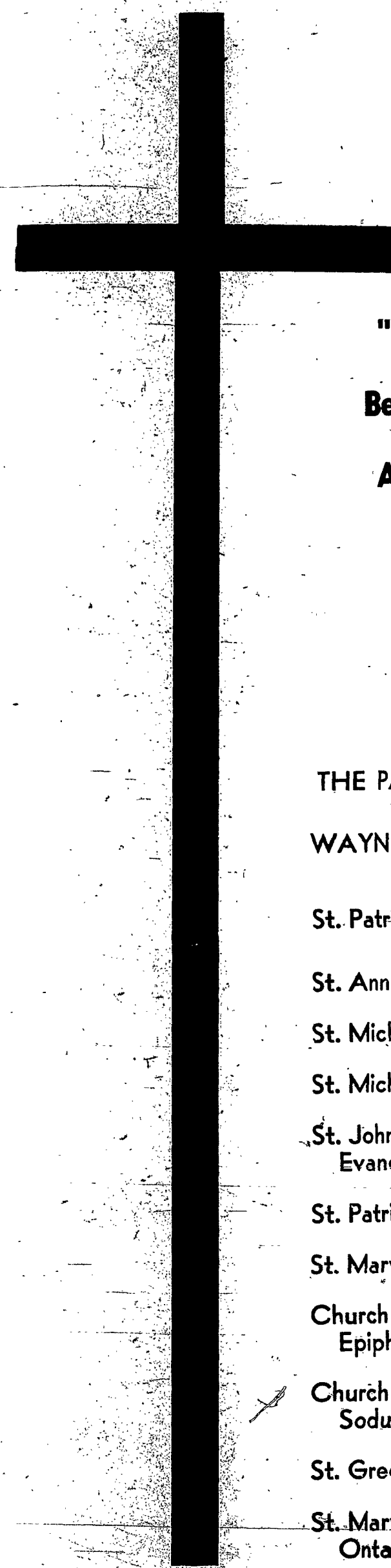
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## Bishop Hogan an Expert On Vocation Problems

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unity which is reflected in the loyalty of alumni today."

The Bishop feels, however, that the wider choices of courses being offered at St. John Fisher College to minor seminarians at Becket Hall, plus the changing regulations and "in-service training" for major seminarians at St. Bernard's, are serving to give them not only a wider range of experiences but also an aid in "the process of maturing" and in "greater personal responsibility."

The Bishop also remarked on changes in the teaching of theology and in catechetics.

"The day is long gone," he noted, "when theology will be presented primarily through huge textbooks of doctrine and morality. Now it is much more a matter of reading assignments among many authors, and of greater research in various fields."

"There is a great hopeful sign," he said, "in the growing concern among young people for others."

What of the future in seminary education?

Bishop Hogan's predecessor, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, sixth Bishop of the Diocese, took an active interest in the seminary program when he came to the Diocese. St. Andrew's Seminary enrollment had been decreasing.

Bishop Sheen asked priests of the Diocese to write him answers to three questions: (1) Should St. Andrew's be abandoned? (2) If it should, what was to be done with the property? (3) If it should not, what measures could be taken to increase vocations and make up for the deficit?

Most of the clergy voted to discontinue St. Andrew's. A few defended it valiantly enough to cause the Bishop to delay immediate action. On May 31 he announced a rather startling solution: the Seminary would be replaced that autumn by "King's Preparatory School," a coeducational high school operated on "an entirely new concept in religious vocational education." Its aim would not be vocation, but education—education of leaders, a "spiritual elite."

The applicant would not be required to declare his or her intention of embracing the priestly or religious life—although those who did so would be given prior consideration. King's Prep thus would provide its students with an opportunity to test their "vocation for a dedicated service to God, humanity, and the Church."

It was a bold attempt to solve a question that many thought insoluble.

As for St. Bernard's, Bishop Sheen reorganized the staff and selected several outstanding teachers for full and part-time status, some of them from European schools. Curriculum offerings were considerably increased and required class hours lessened.

The ecumenical spirit fostered by Vatican Council II led to an affiliation of St. Bernard's with Colgate Rochester Divinity School and with Bexley Hall, an Episcopal seminary

brought from Ohio to the Divinity School campus. The three institutions incorporated the Rochester Center for Theological Studies. Faculty, library and other facilities are now being shared. The potential of this affiliation still is in the exploratory stage.

Asked one year ago to contribute an article on seminaries for the Diocesan Centennial Supplement of the Courier-Journal, Monsignor Hogan wrote at that time (with no knowledge that some of the decisions would become his own):

"Our Seminary system on its three levels has seen many changes within a span of three years. On this basis I am sure it is safe to predict that there will be many more before the end of the first decade of the second century of Diocesan history.

"What they will be only the good, Lord knows. What they may be, we can hazard a guess.

"We may see the closing of St. Bernard's—a decision which will be based on considerations largely financial. The buildings are venerable but old, and the cost of renovation seems prohibitive and impractical. What will happen when this decision is reached? The Bishop will have to make a difficult decision and one which surely will meet with some opposition.

"Among the possibilities as I see them are:

"1. Firm up plans for affiliation with Colgate Rochester and Bexley Hall by building up a new school of theology in a new location close to the Divinity School. We would maintain our own staff and conduct our own School of Theology and share facilities and faculties in the areas of common ecumenical interest.

"2. The Bishops of the New York Province consisting of eight dioceses could decide on one already existing Seminary in the Province as THE SEMINARY for candidates for the priesthood within the State. The advantages are many—full use of modern facilities, qualified teachers drawn from all dioceses represented, and operational costs supported by fees for each student (minimal in comparison to present costs of maintenance of several seminaries).

"3. Our Bishop could assign students to many Seminaries throughout the world for the study of theology. The Diocese eventually could benefit by the variety of training reflected in its priesthood. The loss involved would be the common bond of loyalty to the one Alma Mater that has fostered a unity among us in our Diocese.

"Throughout all the present change and the uncertain future there will ever remain the one constant in the training of priests: the mission of Christ's Church always will demand special care in their selection and training. The injunction of St. Paul to his beloved Timothy must guide a Bishop in his decision:

"Do not impose hands lightly on any man' (5/22)."