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Bp. Hogan Plans Trip to L. America

Bishop Hogan will make a two-week visitation of the three diocesan Latin American mission stations next April, he announced this week.

"I am going to visit our priests and Sisters in La Paz, Santiago and Brazil to encourage them in their apostolate and to make an evaluation of this investment of persons and money," the Bishop said.

Fathers Peter Deckman and Edward Golden are based in La Paz, Bolivia; six Sisters of Mercy are in the poor suburbs of Santiago, Chile, and 12 Sisters of St. Joseph are in three mission parishes in south-eastern Brazil.

The Bishop's announcement followed a radio-telephone conversation he had with Fathers Deckman and Golden in Bolivia last Sunday afternoon. They called to congratulate him on his ordination and installation.

Through the intermediary assistance of amateur radio-ham John L. Sullivan, 245 Berkshire Drive in Greece, who maintains weekly contact with the Latin American priests and Sisters for their families and communities here, the Bishop had a "long and enjoyable chat" with the priests and accepted their invitation to come to Latin America next Spring.

"The connection was fine: unusually clear reception of their voices. They assured me of their happiness about my installation and said that their parish had prayed for the Bishop and the diocese on this weekend," he said.

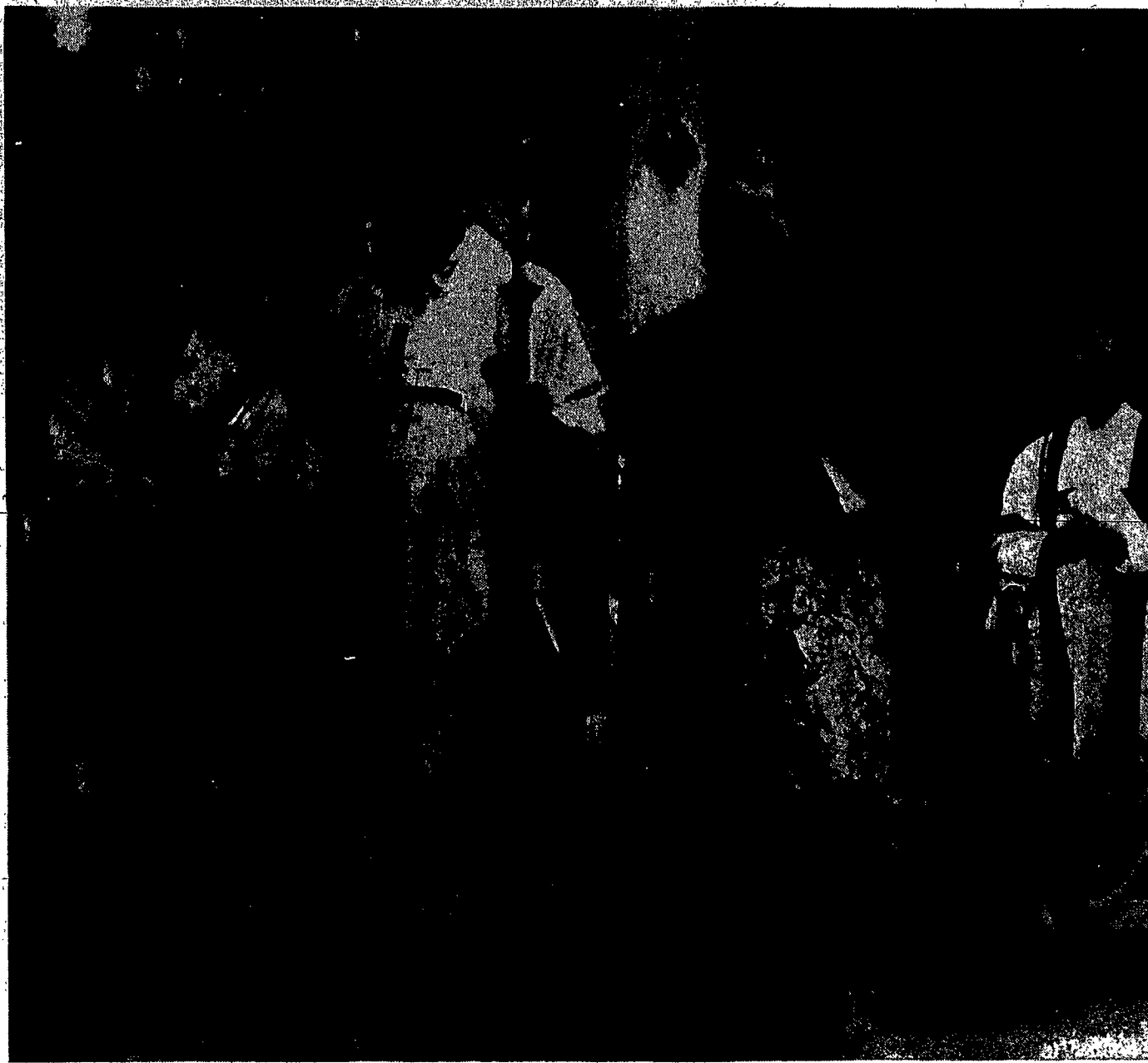


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Final Steps to Installation

New Bishop Joseph L. Hogan (center), ordained seventh Bishop of Rochester, Nov. 28 in Sacred Heart Cathedral, is led to Episcopal Chair, symbolic of his authority, by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi of Washington (left), Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., and Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York. This represented his installation as Bishop of Diocese. At right rear is Msgr. Wilfred T. Craugh, retired rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

New State Study Suggests Aid For Parochial Schools

Albany — (NC) — A state study of how public funds might be channeled to nonpublic schools has built up hope among Catholic authorities who are worried about their schools' financial plight, and suggests that there is growing public interest in saving the parochial school system.

Top officials of the State Education Department were involved in the report, "Financial Support — Non-Public Schools, New York State," which lists six suggestions for additional support to nonpublic schools. The suggestions:

- Extending free textbook aid to pupil's in elementary schools.
- Providing pupil personnel services, such as guidance, psychological, and speech correction.
- Providing remedial instructions in various subjects.
- Dual enrollment, or permitting nonpublic school students to attend public schools part-time.
- Granting tuition scholarships to all non-public school students.
- Aiding nonpublic schools directly.

"The first five suggestions, the report indicates, could be offered within the context of the state Constitution. The sixth suggestion, on direct aid, would be unconstitutional, unless the so-called Blaine Amendment were repealed. Then the suggestion 'might well be held not to violate the provisions of the First

Amendment' of the U.S. Constitution, the report states.

Existing legislation requires that school districts provide free textbooks to all pupils in grades seven through 12 in both public and non-public schools. The state provides full reimbursement for cost of books up to \$10 per pupil. If free textbooks were made available to elementary students as well, it would cost an additional \$19 million for public schools and \$5.27 million for private schools.

Pupil personnel assistance, according to the report, would not be of significant help to schools in meeting their financial burdens inasmuch as most of them do not provide such services now. The services would be of direct help to children. Cost is placed at \$22 million.

Remedial instructions would entail providing remedial teachers at public expense, at an estimated annual cost of \$4.36 million.

The study points out that shared time arrangements, which are similar to its dual enrollment suggestion, have been established in various states. Public financing of dual enrollment classes would presumably be shared by the student's home district and the state. The financial impact of the local share would vary greatly from district to district, depending on the proportion of students enrolled in non-public schools.

Tuition scholarships, the study reports, would take the form of state subsidies paid to parents to apply against tuition charges in non-public schools. Total cost would depend on the amount of the scholarships. If they were to average \$200 each, which is approximately the average of present college awards, the total cost would be about \$175 million each year.

No cost estimate can be made concerning direct aid to non-public schools, the report says. However, it adds that decisions would have to be made on whether such aid would be in equal allowance per pupil or varied according to the financial resources of the school. Since nonpublic schools do not have the power to levy taxes, the resources available would presumably involve such factors as endowments, present assets, economic level of parents, and other similar elements.

Rocky to Seek Help for Private Universities

Buffalo, N.Y.—(NC)—Gov. Nelson Rockefeller promised to ask the next session of the legislature to make possible state aid to church-related colleges and universities.

Rockefeller, speaking at the centennial banquet of Canisius College, said he would press the legislature to repeal a portion of the so-called Blaine Amendment barring such aid.

The governor said he supported a recommendation by a study commission headed by McGeorge Bundy which proposed removal of the constitutional obstruction to aid.

Rockefeller said: "The Bundy commission saw no reason why the state constitution should be more restrictive in aiding colleges and universities than our federal constitution. I agree completely."

Meanwhile in Albany, the State Education Department released (Nov. 20) a report outlining six possible ways of increasing state aid to non-public schools.

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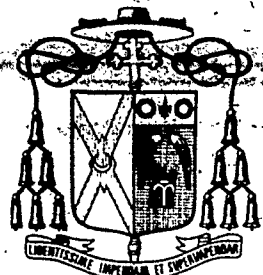


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Hierarchy at Ordination

A cardinal from New York and an archbishop from Washington posed here Nov. 28 with Rochester's new, past and present Bishops and Auxiliary Bishops. From left are: seated—Terence Cardinal Cooke, archbishop of New York; Archbishop Luigi Raimondi of Washington, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S.; new Bishop Joseph L. Hogan; Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, retired; standing — Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey; Bishop James E. Kearney, retired; Bishop Lawrence B. Casey, Bishop of Paterson and former Auxiliary Bishop of Rochester, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty.

Diocesan Appointments



Father Michael F. Conboy, to be secretary to Bishop Hogan, from assistant pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, Rochester.

Father William J. Flynn to be assistant Chancellor of the diocese.

Father Paul Freemesser, to be assistant pastor, Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca, from diocesan Latin American Mission, La Paz, Bolivia.

Father Robert MacNamara, to be assistant pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, Rochester, from assistant pastor Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca.

Msgr. John S. Randall to be a Diocesan Consultor.

Father James Tierney, to be assistant pastor, St. Agnes Church, Avon, from assistant pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Rochester.

Father Richard Tormey, to be diocesan Director of Communications and executive editor of the Courier-Journal.

Father Thomas H. Wheeland, assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church, to be diocesan director of the Junior Curia of the Legion of Mary.

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Father Tormey To Head New Diocesan Office

Bishop Hogan today announced the establishment of the Diocesan Office of Communications and the appointment of Father Richard Tormey, presently editor of the Courier-Journal, as director of communications.

The new office would have five major goals, Bishop Hogan indicated, covering secular press, radio and TV relations, diocesan publicity and improvement of the Courier-Journal.

Father Tormey will remain as "executive editor" of the diocesan newspaper, continuing responsibility for the over-all contents and editorial policy of the paper.

Carmen Viglucci, associate editor of the Courier-Journal for the past 19 months, will become the editor of the paper and director of its editorial staff.

The goals of the new communications office, as proposed by the Bishop are:

1. to broaden the effectiveness of the Courier-Journal through increased circulation and improved content;
2. to maintain helpful relations for the Bishop and the diocese with all news media within the diocese (daily and weekly papers, radio and television stations);
3. to establish radio and television.

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New Wedding Recipe?

Many Ask 'Please Hold the Rice'

New York — For years, rice and church weddings have gone together like love and marriage, but the custom may be reaching a boiling point.

More and more pastors are letting it be known that they disapprove of the rice-throwing practice, for a variety of reasons.

In the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Auxiliary Bishop Merlin Gullfoyle suggested that the new Catholic marriage ceremonies — offering the bride and groom a wide assortment of prayers and blessings — might somehow de-emphasize what he called the "rites of ritual rice."

"One wonders if the new liturgy will put an end to rice," Bishop Gullfoyle wrote in his weekly column for "The Monitor," archdiocesan newspaper, although he admitted that in the new marriage regulations, "nothing is said about post-Vatican rice."

"If all the rice thrown at brides were collected, it might feed a population. At any rate, it would lower the blood pressure of irate assistant pastors and jovial janitors."

"Wet rice, crushed by pounding feet, makes a good skating rink on the church steps," Bishop Gullfoyle added, alluding to a safety hazard.

Increasingly, church bulletins are featuring such announcements as this one, published by a mid-Western Catholic parish:

"We would prefer that you do not throw rice outside of church as the bride and groom leave the church. The reason we do not approve is because it is left up to the priests to sweep up the rice from the steps — and that takes half an hour.

"Also, Saturday is already a busy day for our priests, with confessions Saturday afternoons and evening. We would not think of going to your home, doing this same thing, and then go off and leave the mess."

The message concluded that if friends and relatives of the bride and groom still wanted to throw rice "and will guarantee that you will clean up afterward, then we will provide the broom and dustpan."

Another pastor banned the rice.

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A scene that is fading out?