



Bishop Hogan (right center) stands after ordination of five Basilian priests in Sacred Heart Cathedral as other priests present impose hands on heads of newly-ordained. It was first ordination ceremony for new Bishop of Rochester. At extreme right is Father John S. Hayes, Cathedral rector.

## Bishop Hogan Officiates

# 5 Become Basilian Priests

Bishop Hogan, in what he described as "a great joy and privilege," ordained five Basilians to the priesthood Dec. 13 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in what was his first such ceremony as Bishop of Rochester.

The five priests, all members of the Congregation of St. Basil which staffs St. John Fisher and Aquinas Institute, are graduates of Aquinas.

They are Fathers Donald E. Benwitz, Michael P. Cerreto, James J. Kelly, Stephen R. Martin and Joseph C. Mitrano.

Three of them have been continuing their studies at St. Bernard's Seminary this semester while teaching at Aquinas. It is the first time that Basilians have studied full time at St. Bernard's.

Other orders which have had full-

time students at the seminary are the Society of the Precious Blood and the Capuchin Fathers. For the first time in its 76-year history the seminary this autumn opened its doors to a full time woman student — Sister Mary Gratia of the Sisters of Mercy.

In his homily during the concelebrated Mass at Saturday's ordination rite, Bishop Hogan noted that "this great day of my life gives me an opportunity for a public word of praise for this fine community of Religious which has been rendering a noble service to education in our diocese for so many years.

"I rejoice with my new brother priests," he said, "and with their wonderful parents, families and friends, who share in this day in proportion to the sacrifices they have

made which led to the glory of this hour."

Addressing the newly-ordained, Bishop Hogan declared:

"May I express a word of wisdom from my own priestly experience. We hear today about the possibilities of 'fulfillment.' Once there is a discontinuance of growth in studies, there can come into life some dissatisfactions.

"May I assure them, however, that if they keep busy to the best of their abilities, they will never have any worry about their own fulfillment.

"I remind them also — never abandon the solid supports they are going to need every day — prayer, meditation, preparation for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

## 500 Attend Peace Rite At Cathedral

"Peace, peace — and there is no peace."

This quote from the prophet Jeremiah was the theme for a prayer service for peace in Sacred Heart Cathedral last Sunday evening attended by nearly 500 priests, Sisters and laity.

It was an impressive, low-keyed plea prepared by the faculty and students of St. Bernard's Seminary, introduced as "a service for Advent in a troubled world, based on the life of Jeremiah the prophet."

Bishop Hogan closed the ceremony with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Father Edwin B. Metzger of the seminary faculty urged the "silent majority" of Catholics to heed the call of Popes and Bishops "to speak up, to contribute your talents, to do your part to bring peace to our nation and the world."

The "old" and "new" searches for peace were dramatized during the hour-long service by seminarian students who took various roles. Some recited lamentations of Jeremiah and Isaiah from pulpit and lectern; others, unseen at a microphone in the sacristy, read recurring "press releases" about difficulties in Vietnam, the Near and Far East, Nigeria/Biafra, Washington and the United Nations.

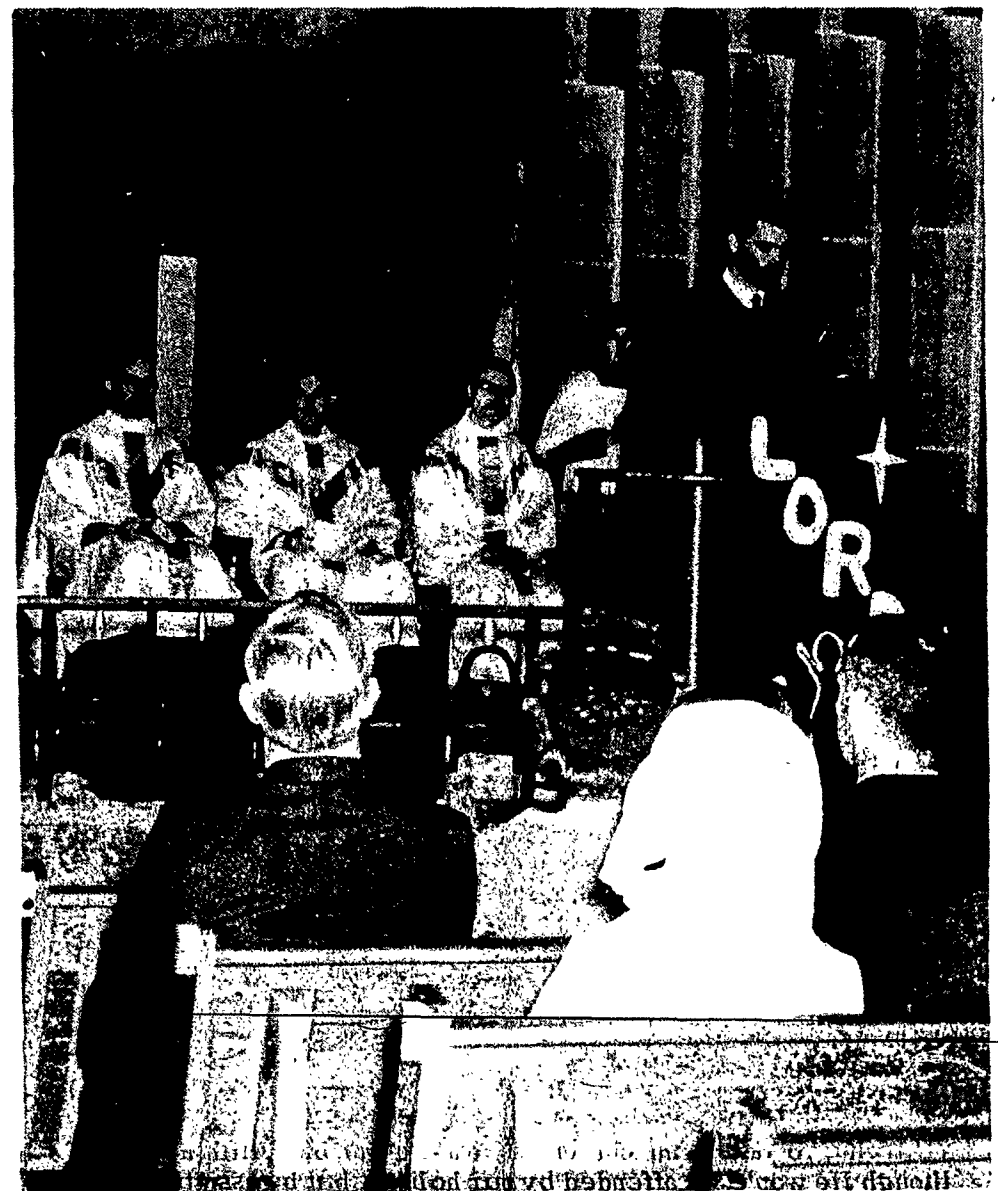
Various phases of the ceremony were given added significance by changes of lighting in the church, ranging from almost total darkness to complete illumination. Added to the dramatics were "voice of God" declarations.

Complementing the service were hymns by the seminary choir and congregation, organ music, and recital of prayers by all present. Among them was the familiar prayer of St. Francis, beginning with the plea, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

A "coffee-hour" in the parish administration building followed the ceremony.



Bishop Hogan raises monstrance in Benediction at close of hour-long prayer for peace service at Sacred Heart Cathedral, sponsored by faculty and students of St. Bernard's Seminary. Flanking him are Father Edward A. Zimmer (kneeling at left), dean of students at seminary, and Father Joseph P. Brennan, seminary rector.



## Ecumenical Worship at Church in Greece

Priests at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece, concelebrated a territorial ecumenical folk Mass Dec. 2 which included representatives of other churches within a quadrant of the parish. Three others are scheduled. Reading epistle at lectern is Rev. Dr. Ronald Eslinger, pastor of Parma-Greece United Church. Priests seated from left are Father Frederick Eiseemann, assistant; Father George S. Wood, pastor, and Father William Gall, assistant. Next ecumenical service is slated during Lent.

**Official Notice**  
The Pastoral Office announces that Father James Russell has withdrawn from the active ministry of the priesthood in this diocese for personal reasons.

**Food Baskets Gathered At Nazareth Academy**  
Baskets of food and gifts collected at Nazareth Academy for distribution among the needy were blessed by Bishop Hogan at Mass in the school Dec. 17.

The gifts were brought to the altar at the Offertory in a liturgy planned by the students to focus attention on Christian concern for the poor.

Throughout Advent, Nazareth girls have taken part in Operation Morale, writing to servicemen in Vietnam and preparing boxes of gifts for them.



Father Garcia, Spanish Apostolate priest in Rochester, blows out candles on large cake at birthday birthday party for him Dec. 12 in St. Michael's School Hall.

## Happy Birthday, Father Garcia!

Father Gregorio Garcia Martin will be able to drive to and from work now — his Spanish-speaking friends in Rochester presented him with the gift of a car Dec. 12 as they celebrated his 37th birthday.

Not that it's a new car, it's a 1965 model with nearly 40,000 miles on the speedometer. Its purchase, however, represented not only the appreciation of his friends but also weeks of time and effort in soliciting funds on a door-to-door basis.

Father Garcia was brought into the diocese last summer by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen as director of the Spanish Catholic Family Movement and spiritual director of the Catholic Brothers, an apostolate for migrant workers. He resides at St. Francis Xavier Rectory, Bay Street.

With the car, Father will now be able to visit the migrants in surrounding counties more often.

Father was red-faced when he received the surprise gift of car keys at

a party in St. Michael's School Hall. He subsequently was somewhat blue in the face — to the laughs of adults and the shrieks of children — when he tried repeatedly to blow out the candles on a large birthday cake. They were the kind which, moments after being extinguished, somehow became rekindled.

Sponsoring the party, attended by nearly 400, were representatives of the diocesan Spanish Apostolate and of several other Spanish-speaking groups in the community.

## Ecumenical Caroling Scheduled

Families who want to carol together with other families on an ecumenical basis will get that chance at 7 tonight (Friday).

The occasion will be the Community Family Sing-out sponsored by the Southwest Ecumenical Mission (SWEM). Traditional Christmas Carols will be sung around a Yule tree at Arnett Library square, followed by singing and refreshments in nearby Westminster Presbyterian Church at Wellington Avenue and Arnett Boulevard.

The celebration will be a festive recognition of SWEM's function — to promote neighborly activity and Christian values.

The organization includes 12 of the churches in the area, which has the river, the canal and the railroad tracks as boundaries. It was started last January after the ecumenical Week of Prayer. Clergymen of the area already working together sought to include the laity in their projects. Sister Genevieve, RSM, is "an enabler, a liaison, a helper" in her words, assigned in September by the Human Concern office and the

Joint Board for Urban Ministry.

Teachers are being trained for ecumenical church schools, which will be opened Feb. 1, Sister Genevieve reported. "We hope to take in those whom the churches do not reach," she said.

Meanwhile, area churches will have voted on a covenant which speaks of encouraging friendship, fostering "new expressions of unity" and developing "an overall strategy for mission among the churches."

The mission already is operating a Friends in Service Here (FISH) organization of 50 volunteers each of whom is on hand one day every month to deal with emergencies.

Other possible projects for the 1970s include ministry to the elderly, adult seminars, summer vacation schools, children's choirs and ecumenical worship.

In its statement of purpose, the mission outlines its goals thus: "to aid public and private agencies and community organizations in assuming their appropriate responsibilities

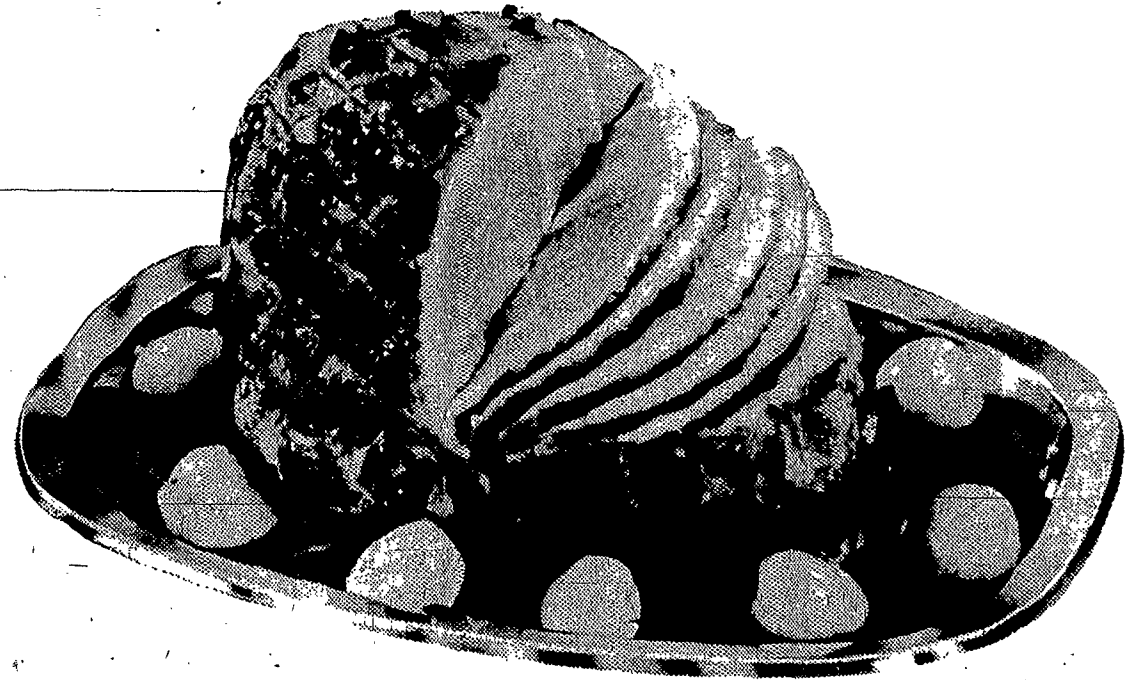
of meeting human needs; to plan and implement ministries of healing, reconciliation and renewal in relation to human needs not being served adequately by other agencies; to educate and train members of congregations so as to promote understanding of and commitment to the mission of the churches; actively to encourage friendship, understanding and mutual respect among members of all churches and to foster greater cooperation and new expressions of unity and to develop an overall strategy for mission among the churches."

### CHRISTMAS CAROL FEST

The Knights of Columbus, Henrietta Council No. 4812, will sponsor a Christmas Carol Fest at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Nativity scene on the corner of Lehigh Station and East Henrietta Rds.

The singing will be led by the Guardian Angels parish choir under the direction of Gene Eckert. Persons of all faiths are invited to attend.

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