

Bishop Revisits His Old Parish

Bishop Hogan said last Sunday he maintains a degree of calmness in his role as head of the diocese because he is ever mindful in these times of crisis "that the Holy Spirit is with the Church 'til the end of time."

The Bishop addressed nearly 300 persons at the annual St. Margaret Mary Church Altar-Rosary Society's annual mother-daughter breakfast in the parish hall following his celebration of Mass in the church.

Bishop Hogan, who had been pastor of the parish for 17 months prior to his installation as seventh Bishop

of Rochester last November, admitted he missed parish work.

"It was a big job," he related, "to be pastor of a parish with 5,000 souls. Imagine how I feel now as bishop of the diocese with nearly 100 times that number."

Discussing various facets of his new position, the Bishop said he finds "many moments of joy and satisfaction, but many more of difficult decision." He finds himself not overjoyous with a schedule of numerous meetings but admits they are neces-

sary for progress and accomplishment.

He said he experienced "a great thrill to have ordained five Basilians to the priesthood" shortly after his installation, and added that he finds continued inspiration "in invoking the Holy Spirit in the lives of young people through the Sacrament of Confirmation."

He urged his listeners to continue to pray for him and for the priests of the diocese.

More than 20 members of the parish Men's Club served the breakfast.



Among participants in Our Lady of Mercy High School at day-long workshop Saturday on programs for retiring and aged Sisters were (from left): seated—Sister M. Augustine Scheel, OSP., Milwaukee, assistant director of the LaFarge Life-Long Learning Institute there; Sister Gertrude, DC., St. Mary's Hospital staff; Sister M. Teresa Margaret, RSM, retirement coordinator for German Sisters of Mercy; standing — Sr. Marie Marshall, RSM, St. Michael's Convent, Newark; Sister Judith Whalen, SSJ, St. Stephen's Convent, Geneva; Sister Mary David Power, SSND., St. Joseph's Business High School, Rochester; Sister M. Claudia, MSHS, Assumption School of Religion, Fairport.



Bishop Hogan was principal speaker at annual mother-daughter Communion breakfast last Sunday in St. Margaret Mary parish. Pictured from left are: Mrs. Fred Celli, vice president, parish Altar-Rosary Society; Mrs. Walter Foery, president, parish Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; Bishop Hogan; Mrs. Robert Walsh, Altar-Rosary president; Father Raymond Heisel, St. Margaret Mary Church pastor.

High Schools Back Bishop On Transfers

Catholic high schools of Monroe County will not accept transfer of students from public high schools where it may be seen as an effort to escape the proposed city school desegregation plan.

This was announced today by Father Emmett J. Halloran, rector of King's Preparatory High School and president of the Rochester Catholic Diocesan Association of Secondary School Administrators. The statement text follows:

"The association heartily endorses the support given by Bishop Hogan and the superintendent of Catholic Schools, Father Daniel Brent, to the Quality Integrated Education program proposed by the City School District.

"Representing the principals of the diocesan Catholic high schools of Monroe County, the association sees the plan as a sound solution to one of the vexing problems of public school education. The plan is firmly committed to the belief that quality education for all children demands integrated education.

"Furthermore, the principals would not approve or condone any effort to circumvent the intent of the program specifically, the transfer of students from public high schools to Catholic high schools, motivated by the desire to thwart the effectiveness of the QIE program, would not be accepted.

"To do so, we feel, would render us as educators remiss in the responsibility incumbent on all citizens to provide the best in education for our young people both in quality and equality."

Increased Contributions Aim of St. James Drive

Parishioners of St. James Church, Rochester, will be asked during the next two weeks to consider increasing their weekly contributions in order to meet rising operating costs.

More than 250 men have been enlisted on a committee to visit parishioners from 2 to 5 p.m. on two Sundays, Feb. 22 and March 1.

They will ask parishioners to estimate what they feel they will be able to contribute weekly during the coming year. Another aim is to obtain agreement from everyone to use the

church envelope system regularly.

Father Francis Feeney, pastor, in announcing the campaign stated that "an increase is urgently needed to meet the rising costs of operating the parish buildings, maintenance, convent and school support, and improvements."

General chairmen of the committee are James Kiggins and Walter Moxton. Section chairmen are James Wisner, Richard Fischette and Frank Beahon. Assisting in the program is Thomas F. O'Connell of Foley Associates, Inc., Rochester fund raising firm.

'Age of Spirit' To Be Topic In Southern Tier

Elmira — A series of discussions titled "Age of the Spirit" will be given at an overnight session in the Watson Homestead, north of Painted Post, on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7.

Speakers for the program will be Father Joseph P. Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary; Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap., professor of sacred scripture at the seminary, and Msgr. William H. Shannon, chaplain at Nazareth College.

Sponsoring the session is the Christian Formation Board for the Southern Vicariate. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and close at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Registration is required by Feb. 21. The fee of \$8 includes a room Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Further information may be obtained by telephoning Sister M. Esther at 273-2313.

Father Hedges To Coordinate Human Life Unit

Father L. John Hedges, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, has been appointed by Bishop Hogan as coordinator of the diocesan Human Life Committee to organize information about abortion legislation.

The committee, it was pointed out, is a renaming of the Right-To-Life Committee formed in the diocese last year under the direction of Father John P. Norris, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church. It is expected to retain its present structure, Father Hedges stated.

Aim of the committee, he declared, is to endeavor to keep the public informed on abortion issues and proposed law changes. This has been done through supplying speakers for meetings, through contacts with legislators and through information articles particularly in the Courier-Journal.



Couples Renew Vows at Cana Evening Mass

More than 20 couples attended Cana Evening of Recollection last Sunday in St. Augustine's School Hall. Pictured celebrating Mass are Father Anthony J. Valente, chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy High School, who conducted evening's conferences, and Father Edward Tolster, pastor of St. Augustine's. Program was sponsored by parish Mothers' Circle.

Nuns Explore Retirement Years

Ways to "grow old gracefully" and to maintain active interests were explored last Saturday at a day-long workshop attended by more than 200 Sisters in Our Lady of Mercy High School.

Sponsoring the inter-community gathering, first of its kind in the diocese, were the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St. Joseph. Representatives of several other orders attended.

"All nuns are aging nuns!" according to Sister Joeline, SSND, of Wisconsin, director of the retirement program for her community there and one of several speakers.

"Sisters age," she declared, in many different ways — biologically, psychologically, sociologically — and no two move from one age to another at the same rate. Each, therefore, must be accepted as she is individually, regardless of her age chronologically."

Sister Michael, IHM, of Detroit, emphasized that "you are in old age what you were all your life. Sisters need to broaden their backgrounds and areas of interest, so their declining years will be happy and creative."

Sister Augustine, CSF, of LaFarge, Mich., a former college president, summarized gifts belonging to the

aged. Likening the old to grandmothers whose families have grown, she philosophized:

"We have reached the peak in maturity, fulfillment and freedom. We have the time to give and to love. We can enjoy beauty leisurely. We can learn for the joy of learning. If we accept our limitations and live in the present, we have tremendous 'senior power'."

Edward Groth, director of employe

benefits at Eastman Kodak Co., outlined that industry's program, noting the need for early planning and the development of skills and hobbies. "We try to impress our employes with the desirability of self-improvement and investment," he declared, "and the company assists with advice, training and financial aid."

Chairmen of the program were Sister Teresa Margaret, RSM, and Sister Marion, SSJ.

Tuition Raised At Fisher

Tuition fees for 1970 at St. John Fisher College will be increased \$275 per year effective July 1, from the present \$1,500 to \$1,775. At the same time, the current \$15 athletic fee has been dropped, so the actual increase will be \$260 per year.

Robert B. Wegman, chairman of the college's board of trustees, stated that the board gave its final approval to the increase and at the same time agreed to hold room and board fees at the present level of \$1100 per year.

Wegman stated that rising costs, particularly in faculty and professional salaries and the above average

benefits at the college necessitated the increase.

In 1968-69, 40 per cent of the St. John Fisher College student assistance programs were subsidized by the federal government, but these funds have been drastically cut, the college now having to pay the difference.

Federal programs this year have been cut by 60 per cent and "in all likelihood they will continue to reduce their programs the next year and the years after. The college obviously has to make up the difference from its general revenue fund," Wegman said.

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