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A 'First' At Cathedral

It was a "first" at Sacred Heart Cathedral when a priest and a Sister shared the pulpit last weekend in an appeal for aid to the poor in Southeast Asia's Thailand. Father Joseph Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Sister Virginia Marie Langie, OSU., a Rochesterian who has been teaching in Thailand for 10 years carried on a question-and-answer dialogue in place of the homily at all the parish Masses. A substantial sum was realized.

Pastoral Letter On Abortion

The following Pastoral Letter from Bishop Hogan on the new abortion law for N.Y. State will be formally read in all parishes of the diocese at Masses on July 11-12.

My dear People:

We honor God, the Author of all life, when we reverence human life. When human life is threatened and the plans of God are contradicted by man or by law, the Church must speak out for the protection and preservation of life.

In the face of legalized abortion the Catholics of the State of New York are faced with several grave challenges:

They must, first of all, understand and appreciate the Church's position on an infant's right to life and the necessity of protecting it.

They must, secondly, be aware of their responsibility to disapprove a law which is gravely wrong and an attitude which condones the deliberate death of the innocent unborn. Intemperate name-calling and explosive indignation, however, will not help us reverse this deadly trend.

Thirdly, we must dedicate ourselves to solve the problems that bring women to ask for an abortion.

Finally, we must convince ourselves and especially our young people, that the virtues of purity in company-keeping, fidelity in marriage vows and generosity in accepting the Creator's plan for each family, must be believed and lived.



Bishop Hogan

It is a basic principle of the Church that human conception always involves the direct, creative presence of Almighty God. No matter how the pregnancy began, the unborn child possesses its right to life from God Himself, — not from the mother or father or society.

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Diocesan Sisters Form Council

Seventeen congregations of women serving in the Rochester Diocese will be represented on a newly-formed Diocesan Sisters' Council to convene for the first time next September.

are in the Diocese, and who claim 1,262 of the 1,477 Sisters in the area, formed a steering committee to set up the framework to bring the Council into being.

Paralleling a similar organization for diocesan priests, the 26-member Council will consist of Sisters elected by their respective Congregations, the number of delegates proportionate to the total number of any one group working in the Diocese.

Bishop Hogan, who will open the initial meeting on Sept. 26, has given full approval to the formation of the Council. He pointed out that such a move was in direct fulfillment of Vatican II's Decree on Religious Life which calls for constant and perpetual renewal.

Fourteen sisters from the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St. Joseph, whose Motherhouses

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Vacation Time In the Diocese

Clear a space in your glove compartment for this week's issue of the Courier-Journal.

Inside there is an extensive list of film ratings (Page 9B), an interview with Ethel Waters (Page 2B) and a town-by-town list of the more spectacular entertainment offered this summer, (Page 11B).

Be sure to try your hand at Sam Stein's latest Mini-Math puzzle on Page 12A.

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