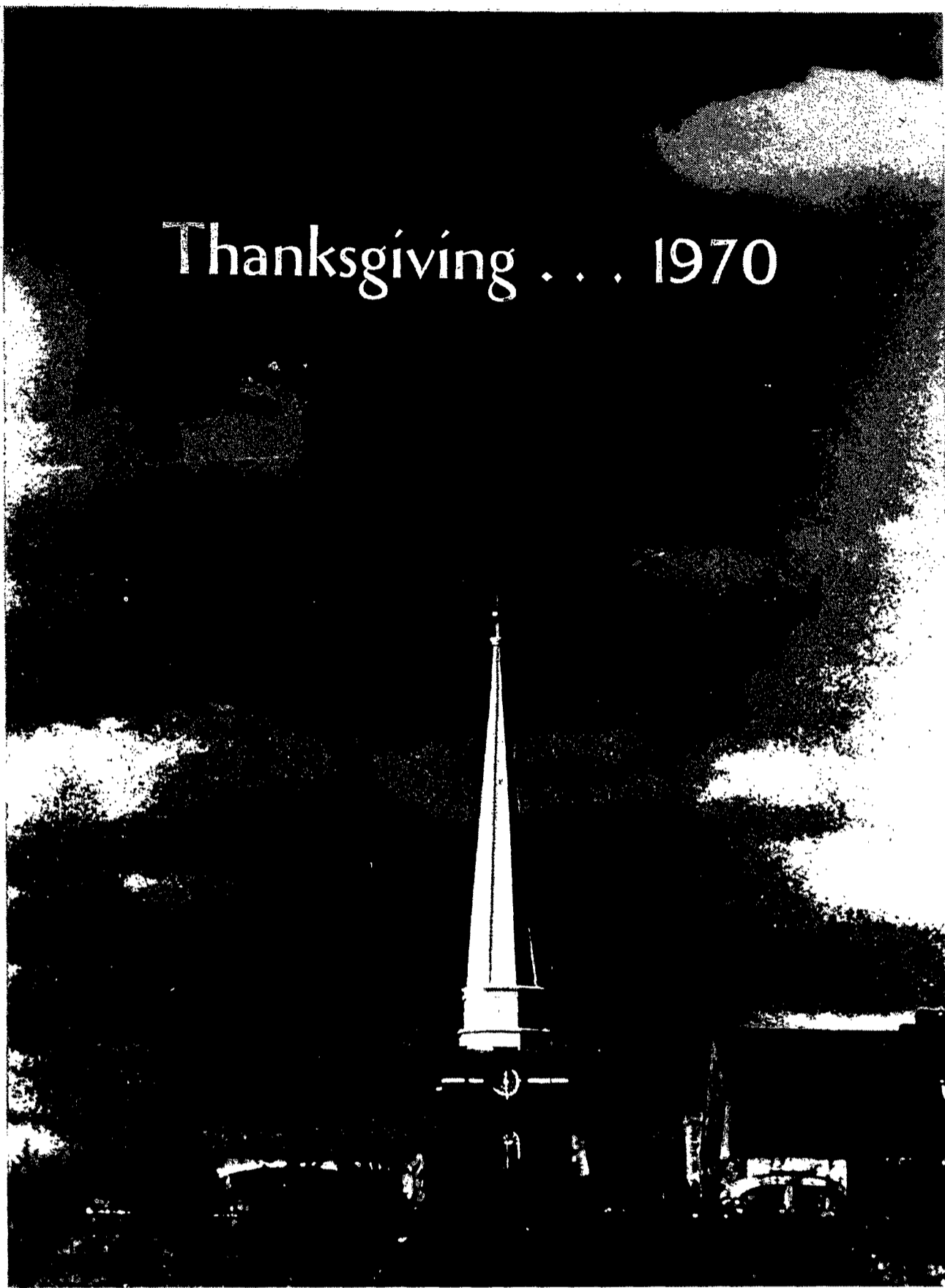


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Thanksgiving . . . 1970

Pitted against a stormy sky, a steeple directs our thoughts heavenward in gesture of thanksgiving to God for his goodness. (RNS Photo, Tony Calabro)

Bishop Notes Anniversary

My dear friends in Christ:

This Thanksgiving holiday is of special personal significance because it marks the completion of my first year as your bishop. In fitting celebration of this anniversary I have in recollection revisited the storehouse of memory to gaze in wonder and gratitude upon the treasury of the Lord's manifold blessings to me.

I cherish all of His gifts equally — both those which all would appraise as precious and those whose value appears only through the eyes of faith which can perceive treasures that are cruciformed.

My heart is filled with gratitude for the obvious blessings

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of health, happiness, the love and devotion of family and friends, the warmth of welcome from every parish and institution I have visited, the safe journey of thousands of miles of travel, the daily support of prayers of countless people, the inspiration of our missionary priests and sisters, the generous cooperation of bishops, priests, religious and laity in sharing the responsibility of renewal of the life of the Church of the Rochester Diocese.

I am equally grateful for the blessings offered by those who have challenged decisions, ques-

tioned priorities and offered visible protest. For I desire, above all, to be as compassionate as the Lord Jesus who came not to be served but to be the servant of all. I thank all, then, who have kept me mindful that the road I walk was never meant to be a path of glory.

In the public act of gratitude for all my blessings I am privileged to offer on Thursday morning the perfect act of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral — the church which is the visible symbol of our unity and of my responsibility as the Pastor of the diocese. Be assured that in the offertory of that Mass, your petitions will become mine. May the Lord who refuses to be outdone in generosity bless all of you who have been such a blessing to me. The prayer and theme of my anniversary is this: Lord, for all that has been, thank you; for all that will be, yes.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rochester

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U.S. Bishops Act On Many Fronts

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The United States Catholic bishops at their semiannual meeting here:

- voted against the practice of giving communion in the hand.

- flatly described abortion as "murder";

- heard John Cardinal Dearden, president of the National Council of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), strongly support the bishops' "Campaign for Human Development" not only for financial help for the poor but more importantly "to enable our people to feel compassion toward those who suffer deprivation."

- heard that Catholics may be asked to increase their donations to help defray a \$2 million deficit in the operation of the NCCB and the U.S. Catholic Conference (USCC). Page 2A.

- received a report from a laymen's group scoring the "reluctance" of Church leadership to furnish accurate data on corporate Church wealth. Page 2A.

- called for renewed concern toward persons contemplating or involved in mixed marriages. Page 2A.

- said they would trim some of their budgets to provide grants to the National Office for Black Catholics and the Spanish-speaking priests' organization. Page 3A.

Holy Communion In Hand Vetoed

Washington — The traditional manner of receiving Holy Communion directly on the tongue will be retained in United States churches.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, in semiannual meeting last week, voted down a proposal that communion be taken in the hand, as it is in many countries.

The vote was 115 for the proposal, and 107 against it, but a two-thirds majority was required if the change was to be made. Bishop James W. Malone of Youngstown, chairman of the conference liturgy committee, indicated that the proposal might be introduced again at the bishop's Spring meeting.

Cardinal John Carberry of St. Louis said opponents of communion in the hand spoke of a danger of diminishing respect for the Mass; a danger of losing fragments of the conse-

crated host and a danger of "increased profanation and irreverence from those of little faith who might equate the sacred Host with ordinary bread or merely blessed bread."

Several bishops pointed out that the Vatican would not have given national conferences permission to authorize the new practice if it had been considered irreverent.

Cardinal Terence Cooke, archbishop of New York, was said to have marshalled the affirmative vote in the closed-door session. He mentioned that returning American soldiers would have become accustomed to communion in the hand.

Archbishop Philip M. Hannan of New Orleans spoke of sailors putting in at his port city. If they extend their hands to take communion, he said, "the priest is not going to start a big theological argument."

Abortion 'Murder', Alternatives Urged

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — Abortion is still the "unjust destruction of human life," the nation's Roman Catholic bishops declared here, "and morally that is murder."

At the same time, the bishops urged government and voluntary agencies to set up an alternative to abortion by providing widespread counseling and care for those expectant mothers, especially unwed, who

"may be tempted to resort to solutions contrary to God's law."

In a strong re-declaration of the traditional Catholic Church stand on what was described as the "grave evil" of abortion, the bishops said the function of law is to "support and protect the rights of every person," but that liberalized abortion laws

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