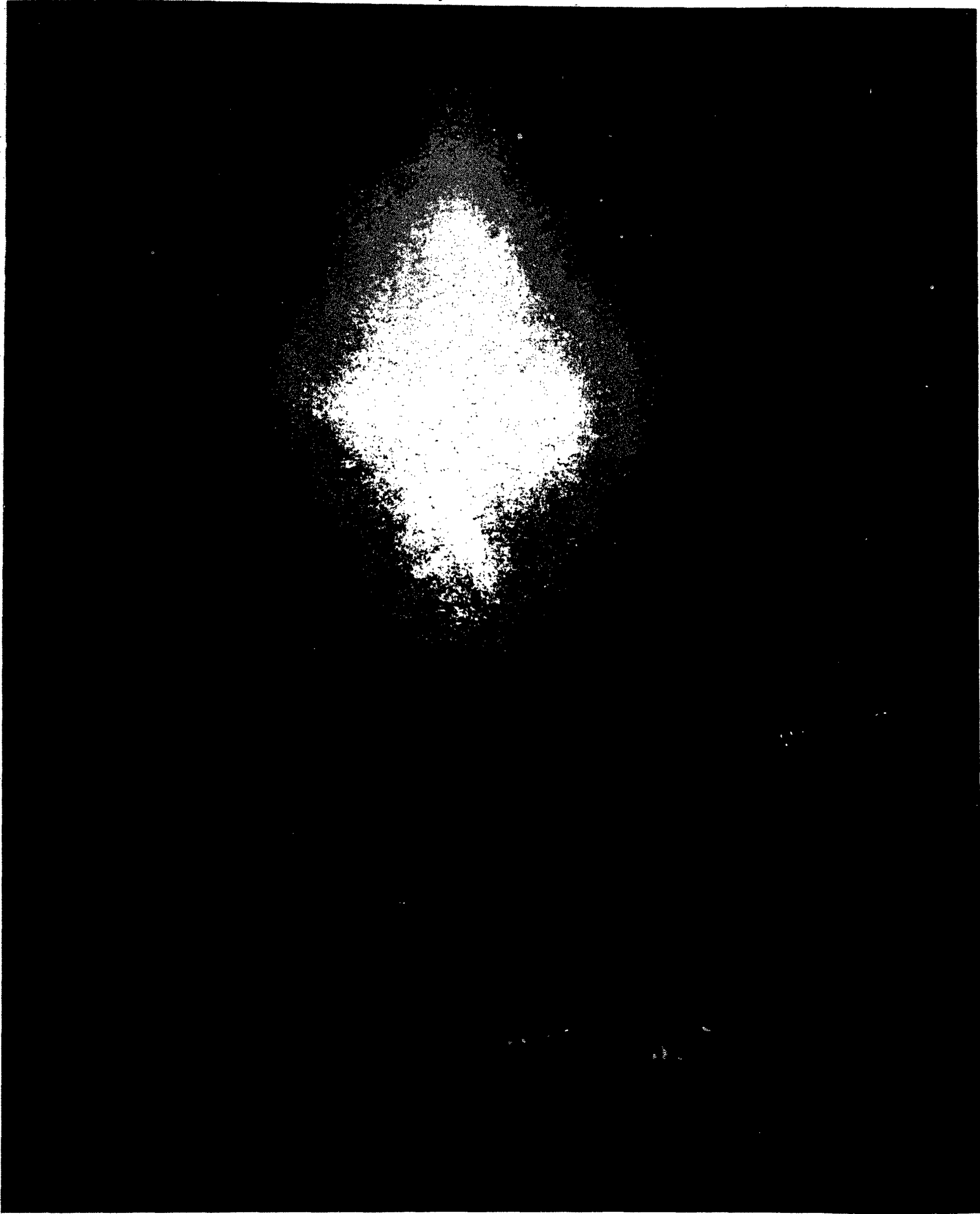


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Pope Sets World Day Of Peace

Rome — Pope Paul VI, in his annual message proclaiming New Year's Day as a "World Day of Peace", stressed his optimism that the human community is moving toward an ultimate cessation of hostilities and the establishment of universal brotherhood.

"Peace is a product of love," the Pope wrote. "If we want peace, we must build it upon foundations more substantial than the non-existence of relations . . . or the existence of relations of self interest . . . or the web of purely cultural or fortuitous relations."

Pope Paul noted, however, that since the days following World War II, when, he said, "everyone seemed ready to accept radical changes in order to avoid new conflicts," there is today a "return of the old mentality".

He spelled out the old mentality as holding economic interest supreme, "with the all too easy exploitation of the weak;" struggling for national prestige and political power; classes of society warring against each other; and a return to the uncompromising prejudices of races and ideologies.

Nevertheless the Pope also said "Whoever works to educate the rising generations in the conviction that every man is our brother, is building from the foundation the edifice of peace."

Holy Hour To Be Aired

A New Year's Eve Holy Hour, with music by a choir from the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse and brief sermons by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, will be aired at 11:15 Thursday night on WSAY, Rochester, and five affiliate channels throughout the diocese.

WRLX, Auburn, and audio channels 12 in Elmira, 88.75 in Corning, 5 in Elmira and 6 in Auburn, will carry the hour program from St. Francis of Assisi Church, Rochester.

Msgr. Joseph Cirrincione, pastor of St. Francis and Father Richard Tormey, will also participate in the services.

Peace "We wish to inaugurate this year with our affectionate greeting, with our message of peace: Peace to you, peace to the world."—Pope Paul VI.

Live the Meaning of Christmas to Fullest -- Bishop

Bishop Hogan preached at two Christmas Masses he celebrated in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Major excerpts from the homily are printed below:

The celebration of this feast in this year of our Lord 1970

offers us a two-fold grace. I offer this Mass with the hope and prayer that all of us will be responsive to the graces of this Christmas, — one which bestirs our memory to a constant, living awareness of the glad tid-

ings of great joy which earth first heard over 1900 years ago.

The second is the grace to activate our hearts to respond to the message of Christmas.

We have been given the grace of a second Bethlehem — to embrace God who approaches us in the helplessness of infancy.

We who live in this moment of history cannot say with any semblance of honesty — 'I am afraid' — for today offers us God's assurance: "Accept this child and you accept Me." Nor can we say that we were born too late — that we missed his coming. For He comes to us now — the fullness of time offered to each of us.

Let us, first then, refresh our memory of the first Christ-

mas. The central teaching of our faith is that at a precise moment in the history of the world described by St. Paul as the "fullness of time", God Himself stepped into the historical process of human existence.

He chose not to hide from us secluded in His infinite transcendence, but to come to earth in the tangible shape and form

of a child—in authentic humanity — with a body formed by the holy spirit in the womb of Mary.

And how the world needed God's first advent! In desperation it cried out for liberation from its perversity. It wallowed in its own filth and corrup-

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