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## Bishops Four

All four diocesan bishops attended Mass highlighting the centennial celebration at St. Paul of the Cross Church in Honeoye Falls Saturday. From left, Bishop James E. Kearney, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, and Aux-

iliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty. Bishop Hogan concelebrated the Mass with Father Michael C. Hogan (pastor), and Fathers Howard W. Geck, John K. Wheaton, Thomas M. Reddington.

# Regionalism Studied for Diocese

Pastoral needs too large for most individual parishes to meet must be solved in the future by concerted inter-parochial action rather than by mandates from the Bishop's office.

This prediction from Father Albert J. Shamon, Vicar for Education, depends upon the implementation of the proposed "regionalization" of the diocese, he told 14 priest-expeditors delegated this week to seek out

opinions on the regional groupings tentatively suggested.

The first draft of suggested groups of parishes lists seven regional units in Monroe County and eight more regions to embrace parishes in the 11 other counties of the diocese.

The priests appointed as temporary chairmen of the suggested regional units will hold sectional meetings to inquire whether parishes accept the di-

visional groupings proposed and to explain the practical, sociological and theological advantages of the plan.

The regionalism concept was mandated by Bishop Hogan in his "Pastoral on Christian Education" (March 17) to strengthen the total educational program of the diocese and promote the decentralizing of other diocesan projects.

"Our present concern"

Father Shamon said, "is to find out parochial opinion on whether the parishes in the suggested groupings believe they are naturally related and inclined to work together to reach goals they cannot achieve individually".

Structure and programs will flow from the easy relationship the parishes in each region

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## Bishops Attend Detroit Meeting

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty are attending the semiannual meeting of the U.S. Bishops this week in Detroit.

For a preview look at a priesthood report, which will be presented to the bishops, turn to Page 5A.

# Bishop Hogan Begins Weekly Courier Column

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Courier-Journal

"Pastoral Perspective," a new, weekly column by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan begins this week on Page 3A in the Courier-Journal.



In his first column, Bishop Hogan issues a call for optimism in these tense days.

In future columns, he will offer his personal observations on a variety of subjects concerned with the changing scene of the Church in the 1970s.

Also included in this week's Courier is the section instituted last week, composed entirely of local news from all points in the diocese.

The staff for the new diocesan junior high school in Elmira has been announced. Page 1B.

Just how far does the \$300 wage increase for teaching sisters in the diocese go? You'll get an idea of a Sister's budget on Page 2B.

An interview with Father Bennett Devine of the Capuchin order is on our Auburn Area News page which is 4B.

In his journeys around the diocese, Bishop Hogan was in Owego Sunday where he received an unusual petition. Page 9B.

In Fairport, Father Kelly's School of Religion has drawn papal notice. Page 2B.

Photojournalist Larry Keefe clarifies the role of Holy Angels Home in Rochester in a story on Page 2B.

Aside from local coverage there is a summary of the priesthood report prepared for the bishops' meeting in Detroit on Page 5A.

And from LaPaz, Bolivia, comes a report on how our diocesan mission is faring. Page 6A.