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Decision Makers

Each first Tuesday the Diocesan Priests' Council meets in Rochester at Becket Hall to discuss policy and programs with the bishop. At their last meeting on May 4, Bishop Hogan is shown discussing his recent trip to Detroit; seated to the right of him

at the head table are Monsignor George A. Cocuzzi, president of the council, and Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty. (Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey was not in the room at the time.) Council members are elected by blocks of area priests.

Eight Deacons Given Special Assignments

Eight St. Bernard's Seminary deacons who finished four years of theological preparation, were named to intern-assignments as special assistants in diocesan parishes by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan this week.

The appointments, effective June 24, are:

Rev. Mr. Brian Brown to St. Monica's, Rochester;

Rev. Mr. David Fedor to Holy Ghost, Coldwater;

Rev. Mr. Edward Palumbos to St. Charles, Rochester;

Rev. Mr. Robert Rice to St. Joseph's, Wayland;

Rev. Mr. Gary Shaw to St.

Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls;

Rev. Mr. Ronald Stacy to St. Mary's, Auburn;

Rev. Mr. Louis Vasile to St. Ann's, Hornell;

Rev. Mr. Jack Zimmerman to St. Christopher's, Chili.

The pastor in each parish was officially designated as the deacon's "supervisor" for the in-service training in parish work which the assignment intends for the next year. The deacons will be ordained to the priesthood in the Spring of 1972.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan inaugurated the deacon-intern program in early 1970.

Five candidates who would have been ordained as priests last June spent the summer instead in an 11-week, seminary-directed program called "Clinical Pastoral Education" in public institutions.

In the Fall they were assigned as special assistants in area parishes for nine months. They are receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders this month in four separate parish ceremonies and will be given full priestly assignments in mid-June.

The deacons will perform all the duties of the ordinary assistant in the parishes with the exception of celebrating the Eucharist and the Sacraments of Penance and of the Sick. They will baptize, preach, dis-

tribute Holy Communion, take communion to the sick, witness marriages and direct Bible vigils.

They will also be expected to assist in parish youth work, help in pre-marriage instruc-

tions and investigations, assist in religious education programs of children and adults.

For his services the deacon will receive from the parish a basic salary plus room and board and a car allowance.

Bishop Hogan Ordains Fifteen New Deacons

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Courier-Journal

With this edition, the Courier-Journal adds two new correspondents, Ed and Joan Coffey of Ithaca. Their job: to provide better coverage of their area on the Ithaca page 12B.



This is another example of the paper's continuing effort to touch all the bases as foundation for better local news coverage.

But while the emphasis may be on new directions, proven popular features and people will not be ignored.

One such person is Msgr. George Eckl, nearing his 70th anniversary as a priest. He is the subject of a special centerfold feature.

And we are continuing our special series of May features on the Blessed Mother. This week, Father Paul J. Gibbons, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, explains that title. You'll find his "Guest Column" on 3A, a page led off by Bishop Hogan's new column, "Pastoral Perspective" and anchored by the Courier-Journal editorial.

On the local news scenes, have you ever heard of a Catholic First Communion in a Methodist church? Elmira correspondent Dick Baumbach tells of just such an event on Page 1B.

And in Auburn, Mary Ann Ginnerty tells of a trip to the nation's capital—by a group of eighth graders. Page 7B.

With the increased stress on news coverage, we have not forgotten the value of our columnists in providing a blend of provocative thought, humor, and reflection on events in our swift-changing world.

For instance, this week, Father Cuddy discusses letter-writing. (Page 7A); Pat Costa tells why she considers an NBC television special an outstanding program (6B); Bob Considine turns from his usual analysis of current events to trying his experienced hand at humor. (6A).

Further youth coverage will be found on our new Youth Page, 14B.