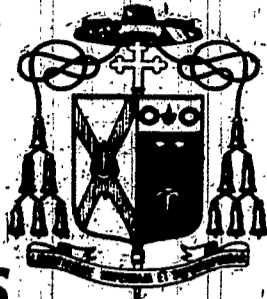


# Diocese Establishes New Office Serving Handicapped Persons



The spiritual care of the physically and mentally handicapped of the diocese will be immediately broadened by the appointment of Father E. Charles Bauer to direct a new "Office of Special Religious Education," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced this week. The appointment will be effective June 1.

The new office will coordinate diocesan projects already existing for the spiritual care of the blind, the deaf, and of all people with physical and mental handicaps, the Bishop said.

"Father Bauer will work in closest conjunction with groups and individuals presently serving the handicapped and will reach out for ecumenical cooperation with other agencies in the development of programs for the retarded."

"He will also organize a diocesan and some regional centers for religious education of the handicapped, will provide pastoral counselling for their families and develop teacher-training programs for instructors of the retarded," the Bishop added.

Ordained in 1942, Father Bauer has served as chaplain of the Newark State School for the past 12 years. He retires from the school next month and will be succeeded by Father William Barrett.

No accurate figures exist on the total number of physically handicapped people in the diocese, including the deaf and the blind, who might profit from enlargement of the present special programs of religious education and spiritual care.

But on the basis of the national average, there are prob-



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ably 12,000 mentally handicapped in the diocese, Father Bauer believes, who live at home.

"Outside of our state institutions, the vast majority of some 10,000 mildly or moderately handicapped in the diocese could benefit from some kind of administration or education from the Church," Father Bauer said.

"I hope that our survey of all kinds of the handicapped throughout the diocese will lead to the establishment of regional centers of religious education for them," Father Bauer said. "We will conduct religious activities for the handicapped and their families and also provide for the religious needs of the patients at public facilities throughout the diocese."

Father Albert Shamon, Vicar for Education under whose department the new Office of

Special Religious Education has been established, said of the appointment: "We are most happy that Father Bauer has been named to this post. It reflects Bishop Hogan's concern for the handicapped members of his flock."

"Father Bauer comes to the Department of Education with a background of years of service in this special field. This action fills the last division in the comprehensive plan for the Department."

"We hope that he will begin to draw together all those people of the diocese presently working with the deaf, the blind and the handicapped and will organize in-depth study of religious education problems of the handicapped. He will set up in-service training of those in this field and will gradually initiate projects which will better meet the needs of those for whom the Church has a special concern."

Father Bauer was assistant pastor at St. Boniface Church from 1942 to '49, at Holy Family, Rochester, until '54, at St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester, until '59. His charge at Newark State School at a peak point, embraced nearly 2,000 Catholics of the school's 4,000 patients. Today the school has about 2,700 residents.

The rate of admissions is diminishing as educable and trainable retardates are being kept at home because community services for the mentally handicapped are increasing.

Father Bauer is the author of six books on religious instruction and has written on mental retardation in several journals. He is nationally known for activities in associations of Catholic chaplains and organizations caring for the handicapped.

During his years in Rochester he was director of several parish dramatic productions and was diocesan director of sodalities.



Priest Joins Protest

"These are my people," said Father Laurence Tracy, co-pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, when he and many of his young parishioners demonstrated for peace last week on Rochester's Main Street. Father Tracy added, "As a white Anglo-Saxon American, I feel responsible for the war in Vietnam."

## Mission Collection Set

A "Diocesan Mission Collection" to support five major mission projects of the diocese will be taken up in all parishes on the weekend of May 23.

Called the "Latin American Collection" for the past two years, the fundraising from now on will include support of mission projects in rural areas of this diocese and the school-and-hospital apostolate of the Rochester Sisters of St. Joseph in Selma, Alabama, as well as mis-

sions staffed by diocesans in Bolivia, Chile and Brazil.

Two diocesan priests run a mission church for 40,000 people in La Paz, Bolivia, 12 Sisters of St. Joseph serve in two cities in Brazil and five Sisters of Mercy work in Santiago, Chile.

The Courier-Journal for Wednesday, May 19, will carry a picture center-spread on the five mission intentions.

## Bishop Hogan Blames 'Unhealthy' Tensions

Unhealthy tensions between freedom and authority in our society are the result of a philosophy of permissiveness among youth, adult hypocrisy and the climate of war, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan told the Rochester Police Holy Name Society last weekend.

In an address at the 34th annual policemen's Communion Breakfast the Bishop told some 200 officers that authority is a responsibility, not a privilege.

"Authority does not exist to enhance the position of leadership—but to develop a responsible use of freedom among all men," the Bishop said.

Tension is a sign of life, the Bishop declared, "and without it society would be dead. For it would mean that men had come to the point of silence and indifference and the initiative of man to strive for a better world would have been destroyed."

But presently the nation is developing "an unhealthy tension—a disruptive force," the Bishop told the police group.

The "factor of adult hypoc-

ris" in our times has caused an anti-authoritarian attitude in youth, the Bishop charged. "All parents who have ever said: 'Do as I say, not as I do' are responsible for the seeds of this situation. Youth says 'The older generation is evil—only we can be relied upon to act with pure motives'."

Bishop Hogan warned his listeners that peace would not automatically silence "anti-authoritarian outbursts." The protesters he knows personally, he said, are "negative people" who use the issue of the war "to achieve a modicum of notoriety for which they seemingly desperately hunger."

Discussing a local issue, the Bishop aligned himself with the City Council and the police Department in opposing pressures to reactivate the city's Police Advisory Board.

"I will never accept nor sponsor an Advisory Board for our police — for who can operate effectively with the responsible mission of authority in such a climate of prejudice and a priori suspicion," he declared.

## First Communion in Methodist Church

# Mission Possible

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Nichols — Where did you receive your First Communion? Just about anyone who is a Roman Catholic would automatically answer in my neighborhood Catholic church.

This wasn't the case recently for nine youngsters who are members of the St. Patrick's Mission here. They received their First Communion in a "Catholic church" which is actually a Methodist house of worship.

Father Thomas H. Watts, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Owego, celebrated the First Communion Mass for the youngsters.

"We celebrate the 8:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday at the Nichols Methodist Church and we felt that the youngsters would be more familiar with the surroundings if they received their First Communion there," Father Watts said.

The unique location of the First Communion Mass is possible because of the new altar cloths which contain the relics of the saints right in the cloth.

"We set up a table right in the front of the church and for all intentional purposes it looks just like a Catholic church," the priest said.

Father Watts said the Methodist church is rented

on a monthly basis. He said the people living in the Nichols area think its wonderful that they have their own place of worship on Sunday. Before the new "church" was brought into the picture the parishioners had to travel to Owego to attend Mass.

Father Watts said the church does not look like a Catholic church from the outside, but there is one indication that Catholic services are held at the Methodist church.

"The church has the traditional sign board outside and contained in it is the notification that there is an 8:45 a.m. Mass for Catholics celebrated each Sunday in the church."