



Bishop Hogan gives adult confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

## Old Cathedral Parish Becomes Mission

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The oldest parish in the Rochester diocese is now a mission church.

"Basically what we are doing is consolidating the resources of two financially weak parishes as economically as possible and still give all the people of the area encompassed by these parishes the spiritual, sociological and educational service they need," explained Father Charles Bennett, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church and recently appointed administrator of St. Patrick's Church.

The present St. Patrick's church building, at 454 Plymouth Ave. N. used to be the gym and auditorium of the former cathedral parish and is now a mission parish, which means it does not have a resident pastor. However, Father John D. Dillon has been assigned to St. Patrick's as director of the diocesan Spanish apostolate. Father Frederick L. Walz, who has been the pastor of St. Patrick's since 1965, plans to begin as chaplain of St. Joseph's Infirmary at Nazareth Motherhouse about Oct. 13.

Father Bennett explained that "the job of the administrator is to get in and assess the whole situation, make judgments in cooperation with others and arrive at and implement decisions the best we can for the good of the Church."

He continued: "They will have Mass in their church, but we intend to involve the parishioners of both churches in the parish programs to be centered in our hall."

"On Sept. 11 St. Anthony's parish council and a number of

others met in an all day session they called 'a goal setting day.' The purpose of that day was to come up with at least four realistic goals in the areas of youth, education, parish programs and involvement, both liturgical and sociological, toward which groups in the parish would strive in the next three years."

An open-ended second session is planned for Sept. 27 beginning at 7 p.m. to discuss and settle upon mutually agreeable means to reach the goals set in the previous session.

"Since it was between the time of the first session and now that the news came of St. Patrick's becoming a mission church," Father Bennett continued, "we have sent invitations to 20 of the leaders from St. Patrick's to join the second session so we can work for the mission of Christ as one united family."

Father Bennett explained that the rectory for St. Patrick's will be maintained for a while by Father Dillon. "But as soon as possible we will consolidate the administration center in the offices at St. Anthony and the house will be sold, since the whole idea is to cut down expenses."

"The consolidation of rectories would have been an ideal thing even years ago, but situations at that time didn't lend themselves to it. St. Patrick's is inner-city and we are fringe inner-city—two weak units. Financially we struggle to maintain our programs, and they have reached a breaking point. The judgment is to have this unit of the church as strong as possible, we must consolidate personnel, buildings and property use."

## Lecture Slated By Specialist On Chinese

Dr. Yi Chu Wang, a specialist in Chinese studies and professor of history at Queens College, City University of New York, will give a public lecture on "Contemporary Chinese Leaders" in the Nazareth College Arts Center Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m.

During his all-day visit to Nazareth, he will discuss "The Peking Regime—The First Two Decades," and "Western Impact on China in the Last 100 Years" in two informal class meetings. His appearance here is supported by a grant from the Danforth Foundation.

After graduation in 1939 from the University of London where he earned a P.S. in economics, Dr. Wang became a lecturer in social sciences at the National College of Commerce in Shanghai. After teaching at several other Chinese universities, he was accounts officer of the World Health Organization's Western Pacific Regional Office prior to his immigration to the United States in 1952. He became a naturalized citizen in 1957.

## Adults Confirmed At Two Churches

Adult confirmations were held Sunday, Sept. 26 for 91 parishes at Sacred Heart Cathedral and at St. Ambrose Church.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan confirmed adults from 44 parishes at the Cathedral; Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty was celebrant at St. Ambrose.

In his homily Bishop Hogan told those he was about to confirm that "Today is the Pentecost of your life."

The Bishop instructed them that they would be "confirmed in the mission of your Baptism," and said that Confirmation would give them "greater docility to the Holy Spirit."

"I call anew today," he said, "the presence in your life of the Creator Spirit."

Chaplains to Bishop Hogan

were Father John S. Hayes and Father Charles Bennett. Assisting in the confirmation were Fathers James Burke and Chester M. Klocek.

The next Confirmations will be held Sunday, Oct. 31, in three diocesan churches. Bishop Hogan will administer the sacrament at St. Stephen's Church, Geneva. Bishop McCafferty will confirm adults at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira; and Bishop Dennis D. Hickey will give the sacrament at Holy Family Church, Auburn.

Father Michael Conboy, secretary to Bishop Hogan, said that in cases where individuals live too far away from the parishes hosting the celebration of Confirmation, they may be confirmed when the sacrament is administered to the young people in the parish church.

## The First Shall Be Last

By MARGARET CONNOLLY

A man who has reached his goal through competence in all his undertakings decides he would be more useful in a lowlier job, so he asks to be demoted. Does this happen? Is it reasonable?

Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan finds the idea so acceptable that he wonders why anyone should take more than passing notice of his case.

He is leaving the pastorate of St. Ambrose, where he could have spun out another 15 years, and he hopes to go to work for a pastor in some other parish.

"I told them I'd be happy to be an assistant priest, wherever they need me; I'm not that particular. I just want to be a priest. I'll try to be useful," he said of his request to the pastoral office.

"The poor pastor who gets me had better do a lot of thinking first."

"This was not a snap decision," Msgr. Ratigan continued, explaining that he had made his preference known two years ago.

"A parish of such size and quality as this one demands a younger man. And I am convinced that no priest should be pastor of a parish for more than 10 years.

"A younger man should have the responsibility, and the opportunity. As long as I sit here I am holding back another man. There should be upward movement. In industry and politics young men advance. The same should happen in the Church."

A particular concern of this "old" pastor, hale and hearty at 60, is "the place of the Church, the parish, in the life of the young. They have turned us off."

"I don't seem to be able to get to them at all," he said, "and somehow, someone younger will have to do this."

"When you see it's time to make the move you say to yourself, 'Now don't hang around and try to do the impossible.'"

The new St. Ambrose pastor, Father James J. Marvin, is due from Wayland on Oct. 6. Msgr.

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## 'Paper, Mister?'

Three Basilian priests from Aquinas Institute turned newsboy for a day Thursday, Sept. 23 to aid the Gannett papers' 'Lend-A-Hand' drive for emergency charity funds. Fathers Albert Gaelens, Leon Hart and Donald McCarthy brought the Aquinas band to the corner of State and Main Streets to raise over \$200.

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