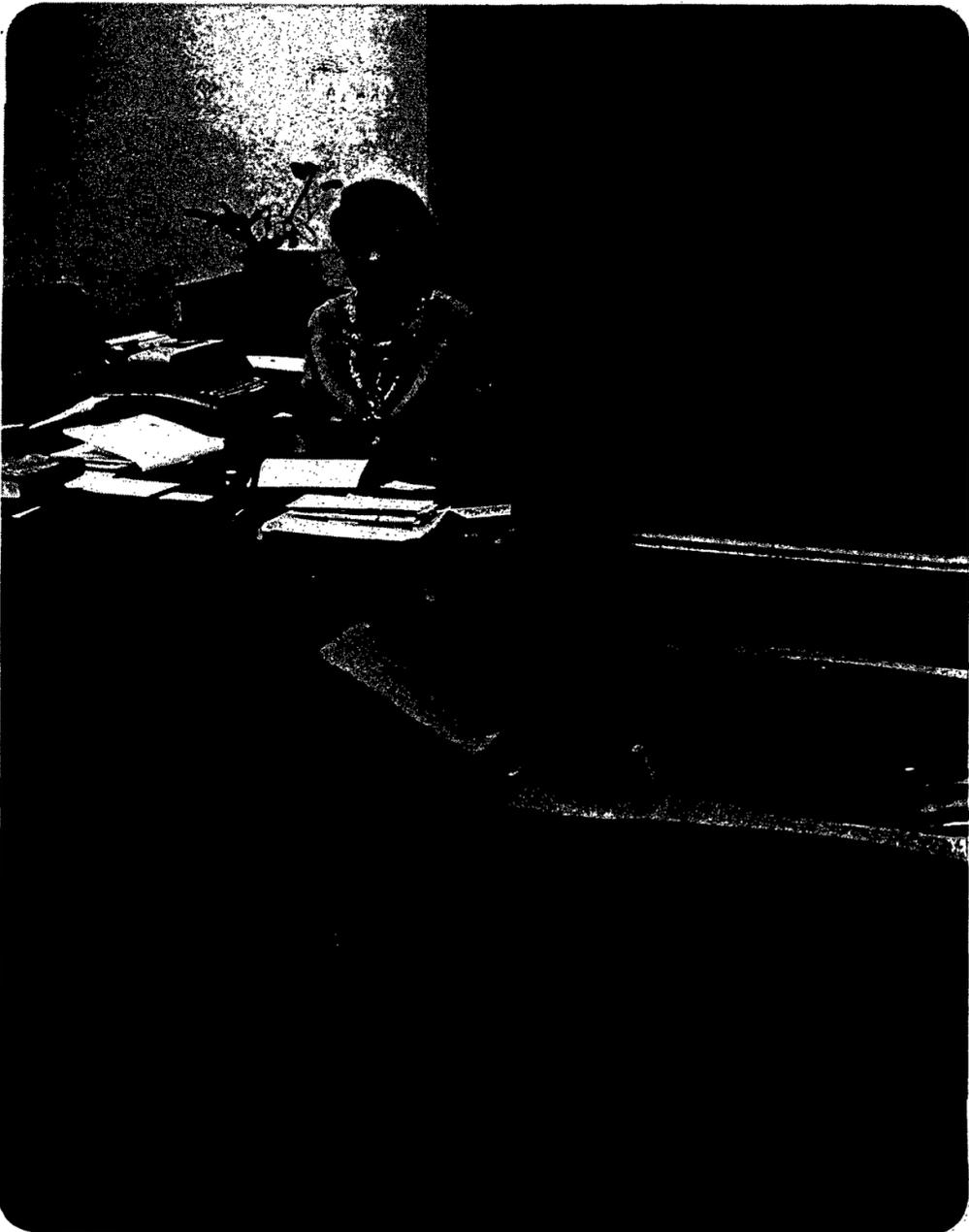


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Father Michael Conboy goes over papers which he will present to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan for approval; below, Anna Brady, the Bishop's corresponding secretary looks up from the desk in her own office where she answers mail.



To most Catholics, the Chancery or Pastoral Office is little known except by name, for public attention is most often centered on the figure of the bishop, the local pastor or the principal of the local parochial school. To many laymen, this office seems like a mysterious place or like one of undefined importance, but its functioning is essential to the bishop in the practical implementation of his pastorate in his diocese.

The term curia also is applied in canon law to that body of assistants which handles much of the work for which a bishop is responsible, although in the common most of us think only of the Roman Curia when we hear the word.

On the fourth floor of the Columbus Civic Center, the Rochester curia handles diocesan finances, erects new parishes when old ones become too small, oversees finances, decides on and carries out legal and administrative decisions and supervises changes in diocesan personnel.

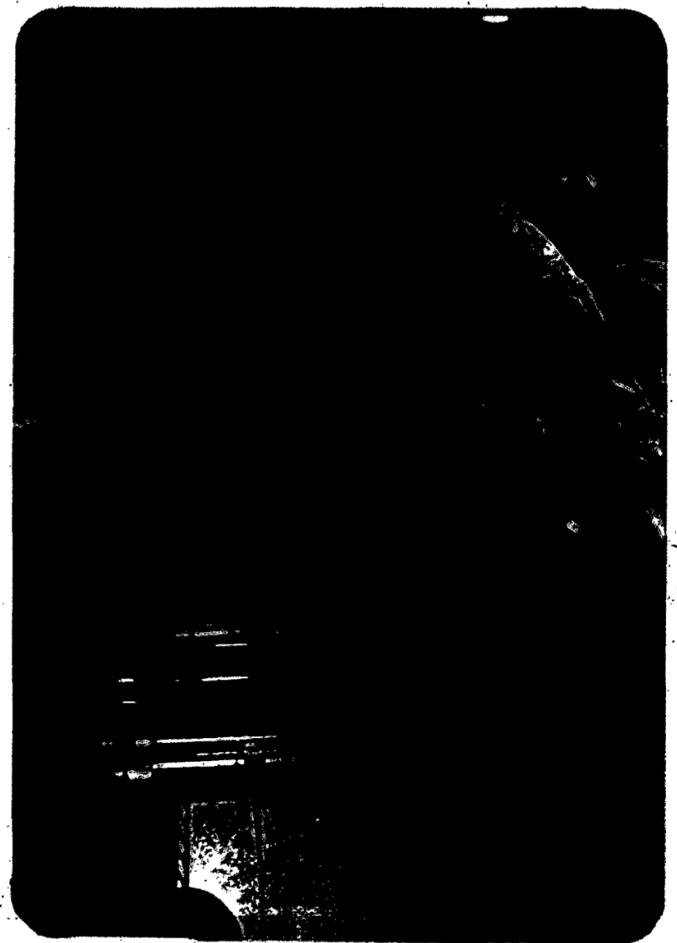
Personnel in the pastoral office can be divided into three categories: the bishop's personal office; a general secretariat; and the people working in the diocesan treasury.

Father Michael Conboy, the bishop's personal secretary, and Anna Brady, his corresponding secretary, handle the mail and the official appointments of Bishop Hogan.

Both auxiliaries, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and Bishop John E. McCafferty, who lives and works in Elmira, are Vicar Generals, which means they form part of Bishop Hogan's official staff of administrators.

The diocesan Chancellor, Father James Moynihan, and assistant chancellor, Father William Flynn, tie administration and record keeping with the handling of finances.

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