

New Abbot

Father John Eudes Bamberger, OSCO, new abbot at the Trappist Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey in Piffard, is

blessed by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan. Other pictures of the ceremony are on Page 8.

Pontiff Condemns Abuses of Teachings

Vatican City —(RNS)— Pope Paul inaugurated the judicial calendar of the Church with a scorching criticism of what he termed "certain abusive interpretations of the recent Vatican Council."

The 74-year-old spiritual leader of the world's more than 600 million Roman Catholics made the remarks in addressing the Vatican Marriage Tribunal on the opening of a new juridical year for the Holy See.

His message, as strong as it was in general sense, completely by-passed any mention of the divorce legislation situation in Italy.

A day earlier, the highest court in Italy gave the go-ahead for a nationwide referendum on whether the 13-month-old Italian divorce law should stand or be stricken from the books.

The law was passed after the Pope, many members of the Curia and members of the Italian hierarchy spoke out against it.

The referendum question is being blamed in some political circles for the difficulties the country's leadership is having trying to put together a new center-left coalition to replace the government which fell on Jan. 15.

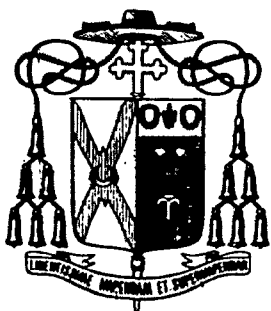
"I don't suppose the Holy Father is going to say anything just now about the divorce law or referendum lest he be accused in some areas of meddling in an affair that could keep the country from getting a coalition and force a general election," said one observer here.

In his address to the tribunal, the court of last resort for Catholics married in the Church who seek dissolution of their unions for good cause, the pontiff pointed out to its bishops and clergymen how difficult their work is today.

"Perhaps never before in our time has there been such a poor disposition toward canon law, because of a certain abusive interpretation of the recent Council," he said.

Repeatedly throughout his address the pontiff criticized theologians who he said were "subordinating Church moral law" to their own interpretations of many of the statements that were made by Vatican II.

Diocesan Appointments



Father William G. Charbonneau to be pastor of St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio to be diocesan director of Catholic Charities.

Father Robert Miller to be administrator of St. Andrew's, Rochester.

Father Anthony Valente to be temporary administrator of St. Lucy's, Rochester.

Father Bernard Kuchman, on leave of absence.

Father Ignatius St. George, retired.

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New Features Today!

As a sort of welcome mat for four new features in this week's Courier-Journal the paper has been streamlined into one section, with no A and B sections.

"Quirp", a new cartoon feature which will humorously inject biblical quotations into present-day jargon, will be found on PAGE 4, our letters-to-the-editor and Word for Sunday page.

A new column, "Who Speaks for the Unborn Child?", will begin today on PAGE 9.

Another new feature, "Mental Health Commentary", prepared by the DePaul Clinic, begins today on PAGE 9, along with the Sarah Child column.

To help spread good ideas, "One Parish" will begin today on PAGE 6. Its subject will be a successful project carried by one parish which may be used by other parishes. It will ap-

pear weekly with the Bernard Lyons' "Our Parish Council" column.

We will continue the popular Diocesan News Page on PAGE 7.

As always, the paper invites reader reaction to these changes.