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Deacon Ordination

New deacons approach the altar to swear obedience to their bishop before Rochester Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty in ordination ceremonies held Saturday, May 6 at St. John the Evangelist church in Greece. Assisting in the ritual were Father David Murphy, on the Bishop's left, and Father Joseph P. Brennan, holding book, the head of St. Bernard's seminary. Ordained from the Rochester diocese were Rev. Mr. Ronald Antinarelli, Rev. Mr. Gregory Bowen, Rev. Mr. James Callan, Rev. Mr. Robert Gaudio, Rev. Mr. James Hewes, Rev. Mr. Robert Kennedy, Rev. Mr. Jeremiah Moynihan, Rev. Mr. Dennis Shaw; from Syracuse, Rev. Mr. Robert Birchmeyer, Rev. Mr. Francis Easterly, Rev. Mr. Edward VanAuken III; Ogdensburg, Rev. Mr. Stephen Leehy.

President Nixon Backs Repeal

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the highest praise for those who had worked to repeal the liberalized law.

"Right to life forces have convinced a reluctant Legislature and the public that this problem must be debated.

"It is absolutely astounding and shows the power of the people. None expected it to reach floor debate."

Meanwhile, Gov. Rockefeller who publicly stated he would veto repeal of the abortion law if it is approved by the Legislature, modified his own stand somewhat. He promised a compromise measure which would cut the limit from 24 weeks to 18 weeks.

Both sides in the controversy have laid virtual siege to the Legislature in recent days with rallies, floods of telegrams and letters, and personal confrontations, reviving all the emotion and debate that preceded the 1970 passage of the present law, which permits a woman to have an abortion on demand until the 24th week of pregnancy.

School Aid Bill Gets Senate OK

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Two forms if tax credits (\$25 to \$75) for tuition payments to the taxing parents who earn up to a net of \$20,000.

A special grant, to public schools forced to absorb closed private schools, called impacted aid.

In Senate debate on the bill, Sen. James D. Griffin, D-Buffalo, summarized the feeling of many when he said, "If this is unconstitutional, we'll come up with another one. Separation of Church and state — that's a lot of hokey."

Voicing the opinion of those

This year's battle assumed a different aspect, however, as opponents of liberalized abortion took the initiative in forcing legislative debate on the problem, something which lawmakers in this election year were trying to avoid.

The anti-abortion cause has been led by some 60 right-to-life groups across the state and by diocesan newspapers which have hammered away at the issue for many weeks. Proponents of the liberalized law have been slow getting into the fray but were bolstered by Gov. Rockefeller's seemingly rigid defense of abortion on demand.

Whether President Nixon's personal appeal would sway the governor and others in the Legislature who favor the present law was not clear at Courier-Journal press time.

It appeared at presstime that repeal proponents were within a few votes of passage in the Assembly, where repeal was sponsored by Edward F. Crawford of Oswego. In the Senate, the bill's sponsor, Sen. James Donovan of Oneida, felt that he had the necessary support in that house.

opposed was Sen. Manfred Rosenstein, D-Manhattan, who said, "I predict that this bill, too, will be struck down."

Opponents to such aid appear certain to mount a court challenge to the bill as soon as it becomes law.

The total amount of aid across the state under this bill would be \$33 million, the exact amount lost to private schools when the 1971 law providing aid for teachers' salaries was declared unconstitutional.

Adherents of aid said they were still working on ways to restore the \$28 million provided by the Mandated Services Act which also was struck down.

'One Faith' Bishop Tells CCD Directors

The 200-member National Conference of Diocesan Directors-CCD met in Minneapolis recently to decide the best means for implementing the principles in the General Catechetical Directory for the American Church.

Father Daniel Holland, Rochester's CCD director who attended the meeting, explained that the directory is a Vatican document concerned with religion as it is taught to the American people.

Father Holland said that the highlight of the three-day meeting was an address given by auxiliary Bishop Raymond E. Lucker of Minneapolis.

Bishop Lucker attributed the present problem areas in religious education to a failure to distinguish faith from theology; a too narrow view of the goals of catechetics; and failure to apply criteria stated in the General Catechetical Directory to current concern over the content of instruction.

Concerning the distinction between faith and theology he said: "There is one faith that we all profess, but many theologies."

He cited the Baltimore Catechism as the product of a time of theological ebb which only poorly expressed one theology. Many took it as revealed and felt that any argument with the expression of the catechism was an argument with the faith, he said.

Of the 200 directors and associate directors who make up the National Conference, five are laymen and five are nuns, Father Holland reported.

LIVING ROSARY

Canandaigua — Notre Dame Retreat House — A living rosary will be the chief form of prayer at Notre Dame Retreat House on Sunday, May 21, at 3 p.m. Legion of Mary members from all over the diocese will gather to honor Mary and to pray for the repeal of New York State's liberal abortion law.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST

The Irondequoit Kiwanis Club will serve a pancake breakfast Mother's Day, May 14, at Bishop Kearney High School. In charge are Louis Battle, Tom Licata, Mike Panaggio and Nick Gagliano.

For Hoover:

Highest Praise, Some Criticism

Washington, D.C.—(RNS) — J. Edgar Hoover made a "magnificent contribution" to making the U.S. "a great and good nation," President Nixon said in a tribute to the FBI director who died here May 1.

Chief Justice Warren Burger called him an "American legend." Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) said Mr. Hoover tried to do "what he thought was best for the country."

Not all the comments on the passing of the FBI chief were as complimentary as those of the President and Justice Burger.

Dr. Benjamin Spock, an anti-war activist, said, "It's a great relief, especially if his replacement is a man who better understands democratic institutions and the American process."

Referring to clashes between her late husband and the FBI director, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., used the occasion to say Mr. Hoover's files "are full of lies."

A few days before his death, at age 77, attacks on Mr. Hoover for allegedly using the FBI agents to collect data on the personal lives of civil rights activists and celebrities were renewed.

Persons who had openly clashed with FBI policies voiced appreciation for Mr. Hoover's ability and devotion to his work.

Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.), who recently charged the FBI with tapping his phone, said, "I said then, and I say now, that no man has served his country with greater love and dedication."

Others were more reserved. Sen. George McGovern (D-S.D.), a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, said: "I think we can only be sad over the passing of an American, any citizen, any mortal. I am sad at his passing."

Another Democratic Presidential hopeful, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) was not reserved in his tribute.

"J. Edgar Hoover," he said, "has been for better than 40 years one of the central figures of our time — a man of unquestioned ability, personal integrity and professional competence."

Vice President Agnew said that Mr. Hoover "stood steadfast

against the political assault and personal vilification that sought to undermine his stature late in his career . . . They disliked him for the qualities that endeared him to all other Americans, his total dedication to principle and his complete incorruptibility."

Because of his involvement in bringing indictments against the "Harrisburg Eight," a group of Roman Catholic peace activists, he was accused by some of being anti-Catholic.

However, across the years he was often honored by Catholic organizations, including the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Youth Organization.

The late Cardinal Richard J. Cushing of Boston defended Mr. Hoover and the FBI against "fault-finding and sniping" in the late 1950s.

Mr. Hoover crossed swords in the 1960s with religious champions of the civil rights movement especially the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Actions and comments viewed as hostile to Dr. King's movement led to increasing religious criticism of Mr. Hoover. In 1964, United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston called for Mr. Hoover's resignation after what he called an "unwarranted and slanderous attack" on Dr. King.

Mr. Hoover was active in the Sunday school movement. He insisted that vigorous religious education was a major deterrent to crime.

He claimed that secularism and lack of belief in God contributed to the nation's growing crime rate. He said in 1955: "The youth who has experienced old-fashioned Christian training and discipline in the home, and has received sound, efficient Bible teaching in the Sunday school has been given a sword and buckler against temptation."

During the 1950s, Mr. Hoover often warned the clergy against Communist infiltration, but he also stated that "the overwhelming majority of our clergymen are today wholly loyal to our nation and are working valiantly to protect our freedoms."

There was little immediate response from national religious leaders to Mr. Hoover's death.

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