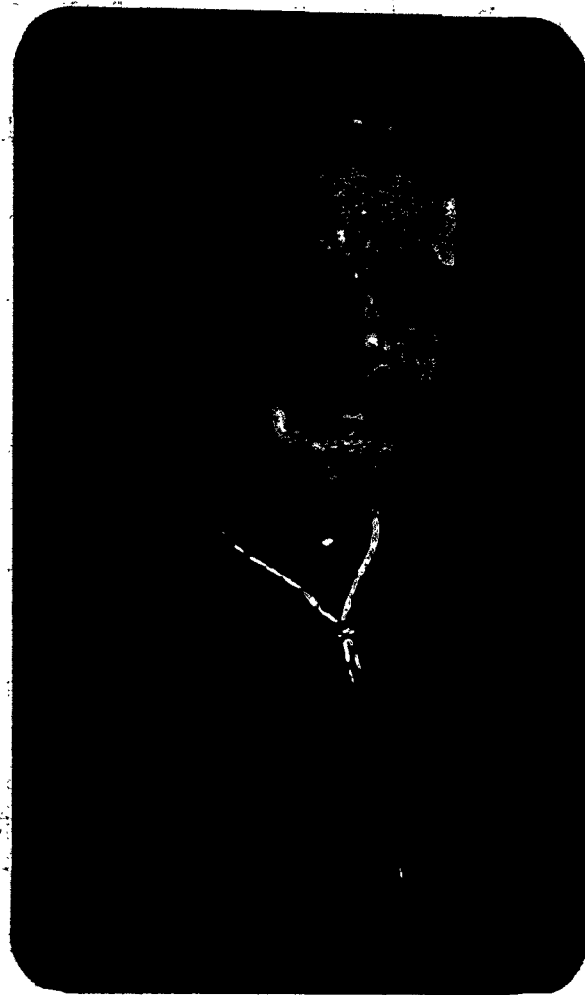
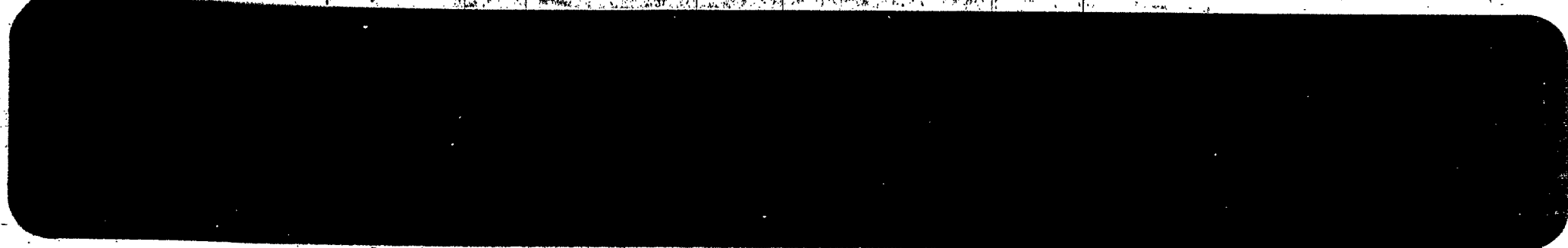


A Special Issue on the Mission of the Church



BISHOP HOGAN



BISHOP McCAFFERTY

New Study Paper Describes Role of Church in Diocese

See special pullout in center of paper.

After six months of hard work and preparation, "The Mission of the Church to the Diocese of Rochester" has been submitted to the people of the diocese by the Pastoral Council Formation Committee.

Msgr. Donald J. Mulcahy, executive secretary of the Formation Committee, said "The paper has had the benefit of advice from theologians, scripture scholars, priests, nuns, and laymen."

This paper will serve as the official guideline for the diocese as it moves toward the establishment of a Pastoral Council. The paper will be used in conjunction with individual parish councils, the 10 regional councils, the Year of Renewal, and the Synod of all parishes, to be held either in the fall of 1973 or the spring of 1974.

Msgr. Mulcahy said that the document is definitely a study paper. "The paramount thrust of the article suggests a real personal renewal for each member of the diocese," he said. "It is an attempt to summarize a current conception of the theology of the mission of the Church, in light of the Second Vatican Council. It is a challenge to all our people to apply these principles in practical living."

Regarding the purpose of the paper, Msgr. Mulcahy said, "Our intention is that it would be used for reflection and as a basis for action, first for personal renewal and secondly for parish and institutional renewal."

The paper will not be merely a lengthy piece of prose to be read once and then tucked away and forgotten. Msgr. Mulcahy emphasized the usefulness of the

document as the diocese approaches the establishment of the Pastoral Council.

"Every parish council and regional council should use it as a document for study and analysis," he said, "It will be implemented at study groups, speak sessions, and retreats."

Msgr. Mulcahy said that, as a result of this analysis, "Parish and regional councils should produce a listing of priorities, with special emphasis on the spiritual."

In the near future, during the Year of Renewal, he continued, "We hope to see each parish council suggesting and labeling which priorities are parochial, regional, and diocesan."

Father Daniel Holland has recently been appointed director of the Year of Renewal by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Msgr. Mulcahy said. "Father Holland, beginning in September and continuing through 1973, will inaugurate programs that will help to educate everyone in the principles of the paper. He will give the Year of Renewal in educational and spiritual thrust that will lead to recommendations to be identified at the Synod."

"The priorities listed by the parish councils and the recommendations of Father Holland will form the basis and content of the Synod. It is here that Bishop Hogan will set the priorities of the diocese."

Msgr. Mulcahy stressed that the paper does not give the final answers. "It is a study paper," he said. "It puts the burden on the people of God through their parish councils. In this way, we hope that the people will ultimately hear the good news reflect the spirit of Christ as effectively as possible."

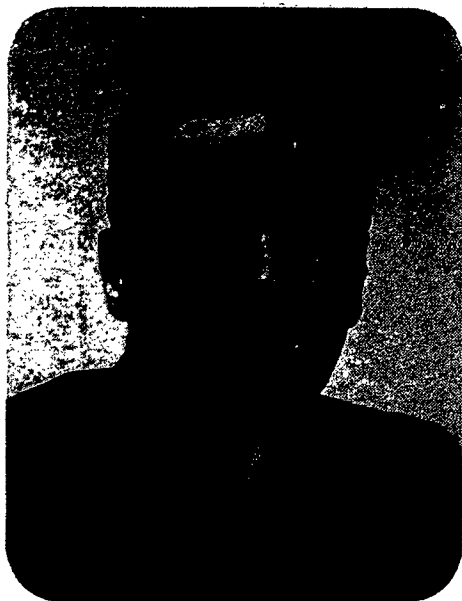
Special Edition

This Courier-Journal edition is devoted almost entirely to the publication of a special study paper, "The Mission of the Church to the Diocese."

A special 8-page pullout section is included for readers to save and study both on an individual basis and in discussion groups.

To emphasize the importance of the study paper we have held out our usual features and changed our format somewhat for this particular edition.

All of the regular Courier-Journal columnists and features will return to their usual spots next week.



MSGR. MULCAHY

'The New Cities' and Religion

We will be hearing more and more about Riverton and Gonanda, the two new planned towns that will rise in this area. Church leaders, in particular, have been concerned over what role religion will play in such projects.

To see what has happened elsewhere, Courier-Journal staff writer Barbara Moynihan recently visited perhaps the most famous planned community in the nation, Columbia, Md., not far from Washington, D.C.

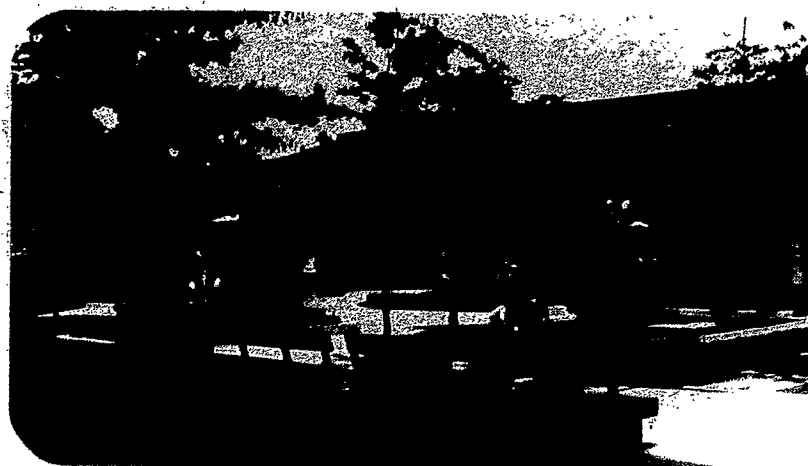
Her special series on "The New Cities" will begin in next week's Courier. It will not only touch on religion in Columbia but also on the life styles and viewpoints of some of the 20,000 residents.

You will get a report on religion in Columbia with a look at its Interfaith Center, the religious counseling available, and the Columbia Cooperative Ministry.

In addition to the religious aspects, you may be surprised by the size of its educational system, from pre-school right through three colleges.

You will learn of the paramount role leisure activities receive in this "new city".

All in all it makes for an interesting and informative report on one of the new concepts of our age. Remember to look in on "The New Cities", beginning in next week's Courier-Journal.



A Village Square in Columbia