

Bishop Hogan to Open Year of Renewal



Photo by Laurence E. Keefe

A Friendly Touch

One boy in a group of youngsters trailing Bishop Joseph L. Hogan after he said Mass at the annual Family Retreat at Camp Stella Maris last Thursday gives the Bishop an assist in getting down the hill in a youthful gesture of respect. Other photos on Page 21.

Bishop McNulty Dies at 72

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Bishop James A. McNulty, bishop of the Buffalo diocese since 1963, died Labor Day at St. Vincent's Hospital in Montclair, N.J. at the age of 72.

The bishop was hospitalized July 10 after suffering a heart seizure while visiting relatives in Montclair, N.J. He took a turn for the worse later that week, and was placed back in the hos-

pital's intensive care unit.

Bishop McNulty, the 10th bishop of Buffalo, was installed as overseer of the diocese May 1, 1963. He succeeded Bishop Joseph A. Burke, who died Oct. 16, 1962, while attending the Second Vatican Council in Rome.

Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated by Cardinal Terence Cooke of the archdiocese of New York Friday, Sept. 8 at 11

a.m. at New Cathedral in Buffalo. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will give the homily.

The bishop's body will lie in state in the Cathedral today (Wednesday) and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and burial will take place in East Hanover, N.J. Friday.

It is expected that a successor will be announced within 10 days.

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Joseph L. Hogan

In a letter to be read at all liturgies this weekend, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan launches an intensive program of personal self-evaluation and institutional renewal for the diocese.

The program is called the Year of Renewal.

Bishop Hogan will say Mass at the Cathedral and preach at the liturgies to open this year. Auxiliary Bishops John E. McCafferty and Dennis W. Hickey will open the year in the same way at St. Casimir's Church, Elmira and St. Januarius Church, Naples, respectively.

Included in the events during the year are parish missions, retreats and days of recollection; the establishment of a Renewed Diocesan Youth Movement; Diocesan Synod and the estab-

lishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council.

The year has been long in preparation. Earlier this year, a study paper, *The Mission of the Church to the Diocese of Rochester*, was issued by the Pastoral Council Formation Committee, under the direction of Msgr. Donald J. Mulcahy.

Father Daniel Holland, director of the Year of Renewal, recently stated that he expects the paper to be "studied and meditated over" by priests and laity during the year.

A significant end-product of the year will be the establishment of parish councils in each parish, the formation of a Diocesan Pastoral Council and the holding of a Diocesan Synod in 1973.

Bishop Hogan's Letter On Year of Renewal

My dear Friends,

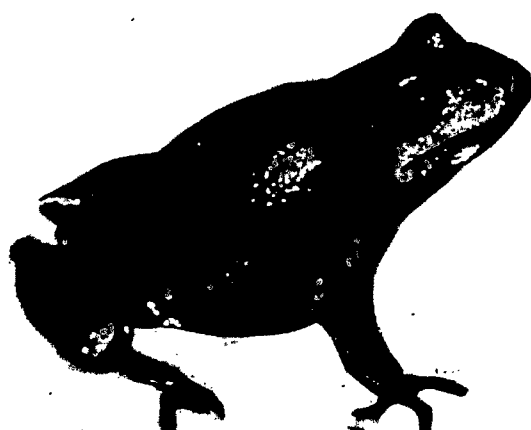
Almost three years have passed since I publicly and willingly accepted the challenge of pastoral leadership of this diocese. I rejoiced then as I do now in the power of the Holy Spirit given to me to fulfill the awesome responsibilities of Shepherd of the Church of Rochester in a period of its pilgrimage which has been commonly described as turbulent. The Lord Jesus has assured me each day, as He has constantly assured all who have ever been called by Him to a mission of leadership, "Do not be afraid."

Publicly at my ordination I confessed and now I readmit that the Church will continue to suffer a tension of vitality in every age. For, while holy in its divine dimensions and doctrine, it will remain throughout its journey to the Heavenly Jerusalem a body of sinful men ever tempted to alienation from God and ever in need of renewal in Christ.

It is, then, with a sense of responsibility that I inaugurate on this day in the Year of Our Lord, 1972 a period of renewal for the Diocese of Rochester.

We shall call it a Year of Renewal, fully aware that our mission to bring the Church of Rochester to better days of visible commitment to the demands of the Gospel message cannot be accomplished within a defined period of time. But we must begin the ongoing process at some point in history and be restless at every step of our progress. For ours is a living faith which must continue to grow and develop — it is not a commemorative one that looks back with complete satisfaction on the accomplishments of times past.

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Alas, poor C. J. Staffer, Charlie Randisi. He kissed the wrong princess and this became his lot. For this modern-day fantasy turn to Page 7.

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