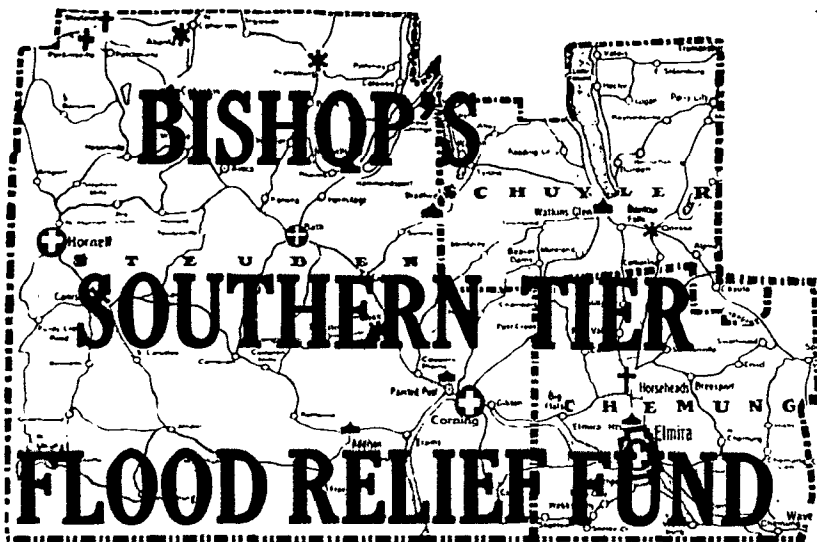




'Father Vogt Day'

Photo by Lawrence E. Keele

Children by the hundreds poured through the halls of Good Shepherd School waving balloons and home-made signs to proclaim Sunday, Sept. 17 'Father Vogt Day.' Shown at the celebration with some of the children and balloons are, from left, Father Andrew Teuschel, pastor of St. Joseph's, Rush, which was a mission parish until four years ago of Good Shepherd's; Father George Vogt, who becomes pastor emeritus; and Father Leo Mans, new pastor. Father Vogt completed 26 years as pastor.



Other Churches Support Diocesan Flood Relief

Corning's Office of Human Development received \$32,000 last week and a promise of more from the Corning Area Ecumenical Ministerial Association. OHD is now officially an ecumenical flood relief effort relying on cooperating churches and religiously affiliated agencies for financial, personnel and regional support.

Director of Corning's Human Development — Flood Relief Office, Father Peter Bayer, disclosed the amounts contributed by member denominations for the purpose of keeping the project programs running for one year.

Corning's Episcopal and Methodist churches and the Diocese of Rochester each gave \$10,000. The United Fund of the Corning/Painted Post area gave \$2,000.

The money, Father Bayer said, will go primarily for staff and office expenses. "The staff is offering coordination of all flood relief endeavors," he explained, "and we need that type of endeavor to accomplish anything."

"We're looking for more
Courier-Journal

money," Father Bayer continued, but quickly added that the biggest need is "skilled labor to come down to do the home repair work."

\$131,000 Flood Relief Distributed

The diocese has distributed \$131,000 to agencies involved in Southern Tier flood recovery projects and to those who suffered damage.

Elmira pastors have received a total of \$35,000, Corning pastors \$42,000, the American Red Cross \$20,000, Human Development Office in Corning \$10,000, St. Joseph's Hospital \$10,000, diocesan Elmira flood relief \$10,000 and volunteers' expenses \$4,000.

Of the total, \$104,000 came from the original collection in diocesan churches and \$20,000 from the Bishop's Southern Tier Flood Relief Fund.

Sister Judith Notes Changes In Outlook

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

Sister Judith Heberle, RSM, superior of Rochester's 370 Sisters of Mercy, attended the annual Leadership Conference on Women Religious this month in Seattle and noted a change in thrust from the inward concerns to social concerns since the first one she attended four years ago.

"Previous conferences were devoted to inward problems, but now we have progressed to broader concerns and looking at our role as women in the Church."

Sister Judith wanted it understood that the conference was not dedicated to "women's lib," but to women in the Church. "We as religious leaders of the Church should be concerned with leading the women in our congregations to the ministry open to us," she observed.

The workshops held during the six day conference were concerned mostly with human development, peace and social justice issues, Sister Judith reported, and the resolutions that came out of the conference were indicative of the broader concerns of the sisters.

Among the resolutions passed were: support for farm workers and of the lettuce boycott; support of Sister Elizabeth McAlister and a reaffirmation of a belief in the right of each person to respond in conscience to issues of peace and justice; cooperation with Church Women United to work towards overcoming oppression in all its forms.

The average age of the 494 superiors general attending the conference falls between 39 and
(Continued on Page 8)

Wednesday, September 20, 1972

Msgr. McGhan Dies at 63

Elmira — Msgr. Phillip E. McGhan, retired pastor of St. Peter and Paul and former chaplain of St. Joseph's Hospital, died there Saturday, Sept. 16, 1972.

Mass of the Resurrection was concelebrated this morning at St. Peter and Paul by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and members of the St. Bernard's class of 1937. Burial was in St. Peter and Paul cemetery.

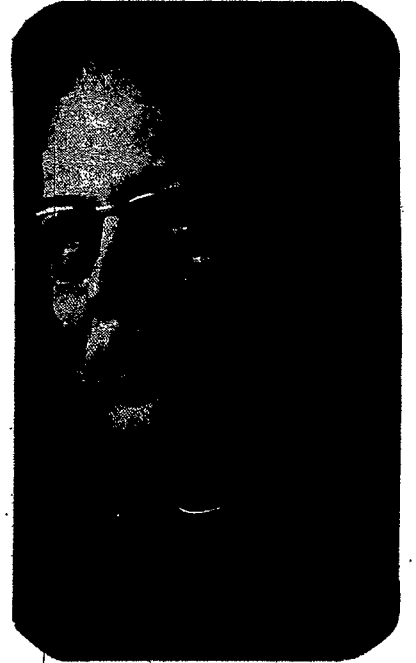
Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty offered the Mass of Christ the High Priest last night.

Msgr. McGhan, long ill, retired last June from his pastorate. Before his appointment to it in 1967, he served 28 years in the hospital chaplaincy, which included teaching courses in medical ethics, marriage and family and religion. He also was moderator of the Elmira Council of Catholic Nurses.

Msgr. McGhan was born in 1909 in Romulus. He attended St. Francis de Sales School in Geneva and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, Rochester, before his ordination to the priesthood June 4, 1937 by Archbishop (later Cardinal) Mooney. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Peter and Paul.

He was elevated to the rank of Domestic Prelate in 1966 by Pope Paul VI.

The funeral homily was given by Auxiliary Bishop Francis J. Harrison of Syracuse, a seminary classmate of Msgr. McGhan. Other classmates are Fathers



MC GHAN

Walter Carron, John Leary, Leo Matuszewski, Robert F. McNamara, Donald J. Murphy, Francis J. Pegnam, John Reddington, Raymond J. Wahl and Raymond M. Wuest.

The homily at the Tuesday evening Mass was given by Father Joseph F. Hogan of Corning.

Msgr. McGhan leaves a brother and two sisters, Martin McGhan of Uncasville, Conn.; Mrs. Thomas (Helen) McDonald of Waterloo and Mrs. Gerald (Lucy) La Vier of Groton, Conn.; also, several nieces and nephews.

Diocese to Observe Respect Life Week

Parishes throughout the Rochester Diocese will join in a national celebration of Respect Life Week, slated for Oct. 1-7.

The week has been designated by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) as "powerful public witness" of the Church's concern for human life and human dignity, according to a handbook being distributed in all parishes, prior to the celebration.

The October observance which will focus on the sanctity of human life will deal with abortion, peace, poverty, the aged, youth problems and the family.

In an introduction to the 32-page handbook, Cardinal John J. Krol of Philadelphia, president of the NCCB, said he hoped the week will have a "continuing impact" by stimulating ongoing programs by schools, organizations and other agencies.

The Respect Life Week activities will be coordinated nationally by the U.S. Catholic Conference's Family Life Division and will feature study programs and special liturgical ceremonies keying on the value of human life. Each diocese has been asked to name a coordinator for the week's activities, and many dioceses and parishes have set up RLW committees.

Bishop Hogan will issue a letter to mark the opening of the week in the diocese.

A bishops' committee, headed by New York's Cardinal Terence Cooke, is charged with giving "national direction" to the week's events.

The official handbook, in developing a rationale for the observance, noted that in recent times much attention has been given to "improving the quality of life." It cited ecological concern, laws and social policies to improve the total human picture, but it also warned of the "threat of deciding that some lives are not of sufficient quality to merit society's concern and protection."

The handbook stressed that the "spirit" of the forthcoming week-long event is "positive," moving away from the negative "anti-abortion, anti-materialist" etc. stance, and addressing itself to what Catholics believe and stand for.

"In response to criticism — creativity; in response to challenge — competence and capability; in response to crisis — courage," it asserted.

Noting that RLW is Catholic-sponsored, the handbook calls attention to the ecumenical dimension; mentioning the "opportunity for community-wide interfaith collaboration . . . to draw attention to the sanctity of life."

As outlined by Cardinal
(Continued on Page 8)