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It was the end of an era, but it seemed more like one of those days you wish you could just skip.

Last Wednesday, when the head offices of the diocese began their migration across town to new quarters at 1150 Buffalo Road, they left a home they had occupied since the depression, in the Columbus Civic Center.

Moving was plagued with common and uncommon mishaps — nothing big, but no fun.

For one thing, having the doors open to the Civic Center made it harder to get out. The elevator being used for passengers, while the moving men used the other, kept sticking at the top of its shaft because of wind pressure.

Through a mixup, Father James Moynihan, chancellor of the diocese, walked into his office Wednesday morning expecting to go to work, and found his desk, files and furniture gone — just disappeared.

And in the middle of the afternoon,

Sister James Lynch, assistant vica of education, was sifting through he files, having been unaware of what day the move was to occur.

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the lobby, the receptionist was vowing "I'm going to be sick tomorrow," as she looked at the chaos in the foyer.

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Despite the inevitable confusion, by the end of the week normal operations had begun at the new Pastoral Center.

Offices which had been scattered through three floors of the old building were now on the second floor of the new building, with room for meetings and overflow on the third floor. The new central switchboard had been put into operation gradually, and was handling all the calls for the new Center.

Housed in the former King's Prep building are the offices of Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and the two auxiliary bishops; the chancellor and assistant chancellor; the liturgical commission; education offices; comptroller John Ritzenthaler and the accounting offices; communications; diocesan tribunal; pastoral council formation and "year of renewal."



Dave Swede cuts wallboard for partitions.



Mike Sendun finishes cu