



Photos by Laurence E. Keefer

Seen through a sanctuary arch, Sister Virginia Hogan SSJ, left, leads the congregation at the Chrism Mass in pre-liturgical song. The men who were accepted as candidates for ordination, above, stand facing the altar as the assembly bursts into applause.

Mass of Chrism Draws Throngs to Canandaigua

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By JOHN DASH

Canandaigua — Applause thundered over the heads of 12 men last week in St. Mary's Church at the close of a ritual never before seen by the general public.

A massive crowd of more than 1,300 laymen, religious and clerics from every corner of the diocese was giving its "Amen" to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's acceptance of the 12 as candidates for ordination.

The rite which is the successor to the ancient practice of Tonsure came during the annual celebration of Mass of Chrism and the blessing of the holy oils on Tuesday, April 12. It marked the first time that the candidacy rites were included in the Mass of Chrism.

The spectacular throng which gathered at the church was unexpected by Father William Charbonneau, pastor of the parish. Shortly before the procession to the altar began, he confessed that he had only 1,000 programs printed up and that they had all been distributed more than 10 minutes before the ceremonies started.

Bishop Hogan himself remarked that it was the most representative group of the diocese ever gathered.

Enormous banners proclaiming themes of the Mass or bearing regional identifications in the congregation rose against the walls. One banner, which led the entrance procession was even hung with chimes and bells.

The stately ceremonies of the Mass were punctuated and graced by congregational singing and the voices of the Sisters of St. Joseph Choral, under the direction of Sister Virginia Hogan SSJ.

In an unusual turn of the homily format, Bishop Hogan adapted a ritual known to all Jews who last week celebrated Passover.

During the Passover meal, or seder, the youngest child of the family asks the leader of the seder for the history of the deliverance

of Israel from Egyptian bondage. These questions and answers are highly formalized and are the core of the Seder celebration.

Bishop Hogan answered questions on the significance of the Mass of Chrism from the

congregation using the seder form.

At the time of the presentation of the gifts, deacons bore the oil and perfumes to be made into

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Bishop to Ordain Two New Priests

Two men will be ordained priests by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan this weekend. Both will be ordained in the churches they have served as deacons for the past year.

Father William C. Darling will be ordained Friday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul of the Cross Church, Honeoye Falls.

Father Joseph A. Hart will be ordained in Canandaigua's St. Mary's Church, Saturday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Father Darling will offer concelebrated Masses of Thanksgiving at St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, on Saturday, April 28, at 5 p.m. and at St. Paul of the Cross on Sunday, April 29, at the 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. liturgies.

Father Hart will offer concelebrated Masses of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m., and at Our Lady of the Valley Church, Sheffield, Mass., on Sunday, May 6, at 11 a.m.

Father Darling, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Darling of Clifton Springs, is a graduate of St. Andrew's Seminary. He holds a bachelor of arts degree from St. John Fisher College where he attended Becket Hall, the diocesan house of studies for men contemplating the priesthood. He holds a bachelor of divinity degree from St. Bernard's Seminary.

While attending St. Bernard's, Father Darling was associated with the field education placements at Mercy High School and helped at St. Lawrence



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Church. He served his clinical-pastoral internship at Medical College of Virginia hospitals.

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Bridal Section This Week

It's that time of the year again when many begin looking forward to June weddings. This week's Courier-Journal includes a special 16-page section devoted to the preparation of the wedding.

Including special reports on Pre-Cana, mixed marriages, planning the wedding, state law, teen marriages, the section will not only be of interest to those involved in planning a wedding but will be of general informational value to all.

The bridal section is included in a special pullout in the center of this week's edition.

Something else worth saving is the weekly report and analysis of the Time of Renewal Survey. Prayer is the subject this week and for stories and a survey description turn to Pages 11A-14A.

Instead of the usual nationwide Spring meeting, the Bishops of the United States will meet regionally this year. The Bishops from Region II, which includes the Rochester diocese, will meet April 30 in Syracuse. Page 14A.

The first draft of a constitution for the pastoral council has been completed. Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, chairman of the pastoral council formal committee, comments on preparation of the constitution on Page 7A.