



Feast Of the Assumption

The Virgin Mary is assumed into heaven in this painting by the Italian Renaissance artist Borgogone (1450-1523). It hangs now in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Today is the Feast of the Assumption.



The people at St. Helen's parish have an ambitious and exciting program in the works, a schedule for adult education. Staffer Pat Petraske reports on the idea on PAGE 2.

St. Bernard's Seminary has a new librarian with a difference. Father Jasper Pennington is an Episcopal deacon. Pat Petraske reports on Father Pennington and his work on PAGE 20.

Marriage Encounter, the fast growing movement to help couples improve their communication and cooperation, filled staffer Charlie Randisi's notebooks last week. His report is on PAGE 3.

Director of Pastoral Ministry

Father Hoffman Named To New Pastoral Post

Father Douglas Hoffman has been appointed to the newly created diocesan post of director of Pastoral Ministry.

Announcing the step to achieve "what I consider a major diocesan objective," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan said Father Hoffman would take responsibility for "the formation of strong parish councils."

An important result of the parish councils, said Bishop Hogan, should be a diocesan pastoral council.

The work of conferences in the 10 regions of the diocese will come under the supervision of Father Hoffman. "One of my major responsibilities," he said, "will be as coordinator between these offices' services and the ministerial needs of the regions and the parishes."

Some of his specific duties will be to provide training for regional and parish workers, to establish a

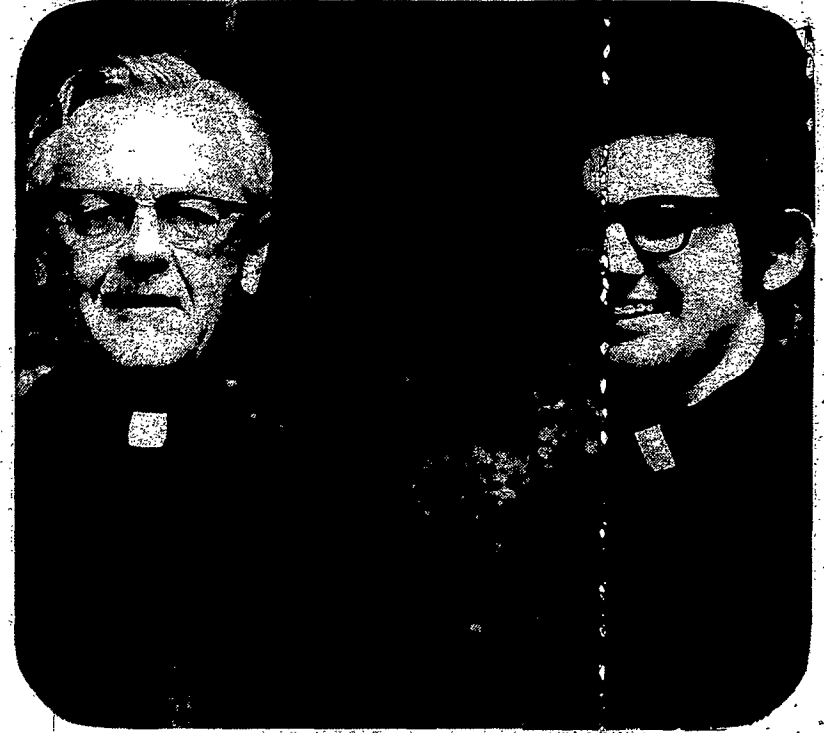


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Bishop Hogan with Father Douglas Hoffman.

communications network with parish councils, and keep up parish profiles. He will review and revise parish council constitutions, arrange for regular meetings of regional coordinators, and meet individually with the coordinators to review progress.

A native of the diocese, he attended St. Andrew's Seminary from 1956 to 1962, and St. Bernard's Seminary from 1962 to 1964. He then attended the North American College in Rome during 1964-68, was ordained in St. Peter's Basilica in 1967, and graduated with a degree in Sacred Theology (STL).

Father Hoffman has been coordinator for the North region and associate pastor at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Rochester.

His first parish assignment was St. Margaret Mary's parish in Apalachin, from which he went to St. Thomas in 1971.

Institute Will Open On Friday

Early registration returns indicate more than 200 diocesan priests, Sisters and laymen from the 12 counties of the diocese

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Rock My Soul!

Dick Bowdren, left, one of the 30 participants in the Cursillo for the Deaf, rocks his arms as part of the "singing" of a favorite hymn. Leading Rock My Soul is Father Rudy Gawlik, right, during the intensive three day course whose purpose was to develop Christian leadership and to foster Church renewal. [Story on Page 2.]