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### Congressional Resolution Proclaiming APRIL 30, 1974 National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer

Whereas, it is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is Lord; and

Whereas, we know that we have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God; and

Whereas, we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own; and

Whereas, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us; and

Whereas, we have made such an idol out of our pursuit of "national security" that we have forgotten that only God can be the ultimate guardian of our true livelihood and safety; and

Whereas, we have failed to respond, personally and collectively, with sacrifice and uncompromised commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad; as a people, we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit that we have blinded ourselves to God's standard of justice and righteousness for this society; and

Whereas, it therefore behooves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness: Now, therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, that the Congress hereby proclaims that April 30, 1974 be a National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; and calls upon the people of our nation to humble ourselves, as we see fit, before our Creator to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our national sins.*

#### The Pilgrim Church

During the Holy Year, Pope Paul has encouraged Catholics to make pilgrimages, especially to the seat of Catholicism, Rome. In preparation for the Holy Year, Bishop Hogan has designated several diocesan churches as pilgrimage sites; and in a new series, Father Robert MacNamara will describe these churches. His first topic is Sacred Heart Cathedral, **PAGE 16.**

## New Chancellor Named; Layman to Be Treasurer

Father James M. Moynihan, chancellor of the diocese for the past seven years, will leave that post June 1 to become full-time chaplain at Highland Hospital.

Father William J. Flynn, who has been Father Moynihan's assistant since December, 1969, will accede to the title, with duties altered to conform to the strict definition of the office.

John A. Ritzenthaler, diocesan comptroller, will be treasurer, the first layman to serve in that capacity. Financial affairs which had become part of the chancellor's responsibility will be turned over to Ritzenthaler and the financial department he heads.

Announcing these changes for Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey explained that the chancellor properly is concerned with canonical matters in the diocese and its institutions. Under canon law, he is diocesan archivist and ecclesiastical notary. He is appointed by the ordinary to take charge of all diocesan records and of communications with Rome. As notary, he draws up documents used in the government of the diocese, and authenticates documents when necessary.

The addition of business affairs to the office was an American development, Bishop Hickey said. He noted a contemporary

tendency to call upon laymen for business management.

The new treasurer, trained in business administration, served in the financial departments of local industries before joining the Pastoral Office in 1967.

The retiring chancellor, Father Moynihan, studied for several years at the North American College in Rome, earning a canon law degree. He was ordained there Dec. 15, 1957.

He has worked at the Pastoral Office since 1961 in various capacities, first with the Diocesan Tribunal, later as secretary to

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