

# Union Springs Parish Moves to New Church

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Vestry whose spokesman is Thomas Eldred, and to Bishop Cole and his staff. The Vestry committee of the Grace Episcopal Church included Thomas Eldred, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gollnich, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walter and Mrs. Toni Large.

Members of the liturgy committee chaired by Dr. Hugo Theimer are making plans for sanctuary furnishings under the guidance of Father Robert McNamara of the Rochester Diocesan Liturgy Committee and St. Bernard's Seminary.

A formal ceremony of transference is planned to which Bishop Cole, and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be invited to participate. The parish may sell its former church building.



FATHER HAYES

# Some Synod Proposals Draw Pope's Rebuff

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul, speaking at the final session of the fourth World Synod of Bishops here, praised the "spontaneity and sincerity" of the 209-member assembly's month-long deliberations on "Evangelization in the Modern World."

At the same time, however, the Pope either rejected or criticized a number of proposals that had been made in the course of the Synod, which opened on Sept. 27.

He praised the work of the Synod as "a clearly positive experience," but said that some of the points made by the delegates "demand a refining." He said that "not all the proposals are to be retained; some need to be placed in proper perspective."

During the course of the Synod's discussions, a number of bishops had pressed for greater freedom for local dioceses to decide more matters without

asking Rome's approval.

Referring to proposals for changing "the relationship between the particular (local) churches and the Apostolic See," Pope Paul said:

"No. We say with trepidation, by reason of the responsibility that falls upon us, that the successor of Peter is and remains the ordinary pastor of the Church in her unity and entirety."

He recalled the Second Vatican Council's reaffirmation of traditional Catholic teaching that the Roman Pontiff, "as Vicar of Christ and pastor of the whole Church, has full, supreme, and universal power over the Church. And he can always exercise this power freely."

Of proposals — made by a number of African bishops — for "indigenization," adapting expressions of the faith and

Catholic worship to local culture, the Pope said:

"This is indeed a necessary requirement. It would, nevertheless, be dangerous to speak of diversified theologies according to continents and cultures. The content of the faith is either Catholic or it is not. All of us have received the faith of a constant tradition: Peter and Paul did not transform it or adapt it to the Jewish, Greek, Roman world."

Pope Paul warned in his address that "the totality of salvation is not to be confused with one or another aspect of liberation."

"Human social progress," he said, "is not to be excessively emphasized on a temporal level to the detriment of the essential meaning that evangelization has for the Church of Christ, the announcement of the 'Good News.'"

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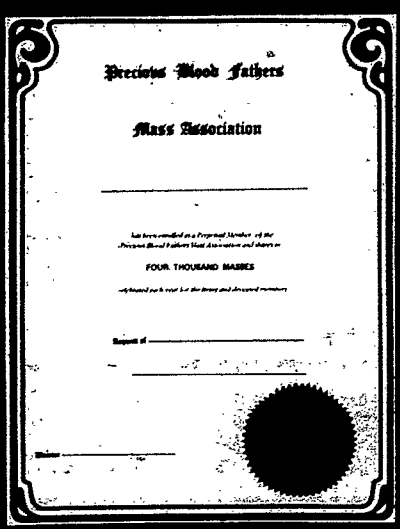
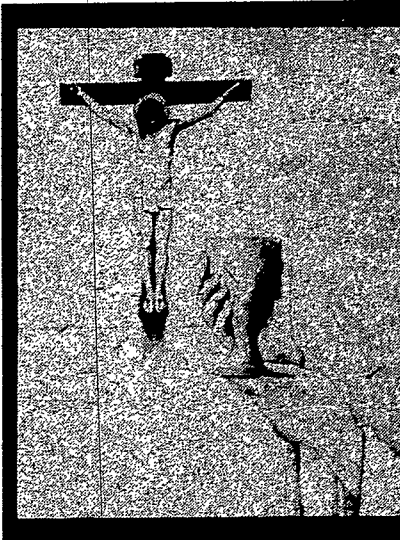
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