



### Family Affair

A Cambodian government soldier's son sits by his father's weapon during a lull in fighting near Phnom Penh. They were sharing a meal. (RNS)



Photo by Susan McKinney

### Lenten Theme

As part of a drama depicting Lenten practices these Christ the King pupils donned sack cloth. There were other aspects to the schools Ash Wednesday observance. See Page 2.

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## DPC Constitution Approved; First Meeting in June

It's official! The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) Constitution has been approved by diocesan consultative bodies and has been signed into approval by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Bishop Hogan expressed pleasure at the final approval of the Constitution which has been in the works for more than three years. The first draft of a constitution was finished in April 1973.

"I couldn't be happier," he said. "My fondest hope is about to be realized. I'm proud that our consultative process is working and am looking forward to our first convocation."

The opening convocation is scheduled for June 13-15 at a site to be determined. That choice will be the responsibility of a steering committee chaired by Fathers Douglas Hoffman, director of Pastoral Ministry, and Peter Bayer, director of planning.

The Priests Council, Sisters Council and each of the 10 Regional assemblies gave their approval to the constitution saying that it "fulfills the requirements of a workable concept of a Diocesan Pastoral Constitution."

The approval had to go

through a Conflict Resolution Committee under the diocesan Process A because the interdepartmental Staff issued a minority report stating that problems such as the relationship of the DPC to the Priests and Sisters councils and certain membership problems should be cleared up before approval.

The majority report, however, indicated that such problems could be ironed out after the council is in business. It included a stipulation in its approval that the DPC be provisional for a two-year period, providing that the Bishop will guarantee that the critical concerns brought out during Process A review be satisfactorily addressed within the first two years.

Others on the committee are Sister Mary Ann Binscak, RSM; Sister Margaret Mary Mattie, RSM; Joseph Mercier, Mrs. Milton Schmidt; Armand Tanguay; Edward LeRoux; Sister Margaret Deegan; Sister Mary David, SSJ; Father Joseph Jankowiak; Father Sebastian Falcone; Father John Mulligan, and Father Charles Mulligan.

They also will be responsible for any other problems arising in the establishment of the council, such as voting procedures, for example.

## Chrism Mass Scheduled For Holy Week Tuesday

For the third year in succession, Bishop Hogan is inviting representatives from all over the diocese to gather with him and his auxiliary bishops and the ten regional coordinators to celebrate their unity as the Church of Rochester in the annual Chrism Mass.

Tuesday evening, March 25, Father James Doyle, pastor, and the people of St. Rose parish in Lima will host the celebration. They expect close to six hundred people to fill their Church. According to George Walker, general chairman of the planning committee, "It is a great opportunity for us all to get together and experience something of the spirit and power we share in our commitment to the Church."

Traditionally celebrated on Holy Thursday at the Cathedral, the Chrism Mass is the occasion when the bishop blesses the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments. In 1973, Bishop Hogan asked that the celebration be held on Tuesday instead of Thursday of Holy Week, and in Canandaigua, where it would be more accessible to people in the southern sections of the diocese. The following year, the Mass was held in St. Stephen's, Geneva. Both years an

enthusiastic representation filled the churches to capacity.

Built into the liturgy along with the blessing of the oils is a special rite of commitment in which all participating, lay people and priests, renew their promise to share responsibility for the mission of the Church. The bishop reminds all gathered that through baptism they share in Christ's priesthood, and he invites them in the words of the ritual: "to renew your personal dedication to Christ as participants in his priesthood, each one according to the particular way you are called."

After the liturgy, the newly blessed oils are distributed to parish representatives to be used in their local churches. Father Eugene Sweeney, Coordinator of Livingston-Steuben Region, will oversee the distribution, assisted by Father William Darling.

Although they will be unable to attend the liturgy, the Trappist monks of Our Lady of the Genesee Monastery have offered to bake the bread for the Eucharist. They have promised to be with the congregation in spirit, and have asked for our prayers, according to Father Michael Conboy, secretary to Bishop Hogan.

## Women in Ministry? The Youthful View

How do young people feel about women assuming a greater role in the Church ministry? Joan M. Smith, our education writer, wanted to find out so she asked students, both male and female, at Notre Dame High School in Elmira. If you think you can guess how they answered, don't bet on it. There are some surprises. See RapAround, Page 16.

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