

Bishop Pledges \$2,500 To Jewish Studies Chair

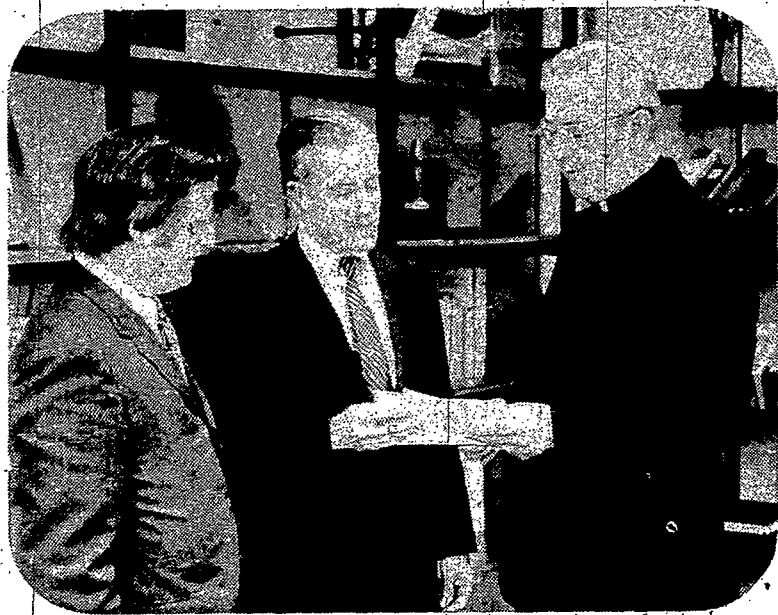
Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, has pledged a \$2,500 personal donation to the University of Rochester's Philip S. Bernstein Professorship in Jewish Studies, it has been announced.

The gift, rising from Bishop Hogan's long time personal admiration for Rabbi Bernstein and the Vatican's promulgation of Guidelines for "Nostrae Aetate" the Conciliar Document on Catholic-Jewish Relations, represents about 1 per cent of the funds still needed to subsidize the Chair of Jewish Studies.

The Conciliar Guidelines encourage joint efforts in dialogue, prayer, and social action. Special attention is given to teaching and education. This improved understanding of Judaism is to be clear in Catholic religious texts, history books and in the mass-media. Scholars are encouraged to look for ways to improve and deepen the dialogue. To do this:

... research into the problems bearing on Judaism and Jewish-Christian relations will be encouraged among specialists, particularly in the fields of Exegesis, Theology, History and Sociology. Higher institutions of Catholic research, in association if possible with other similar Christian institutions and experts, are invited to contribute to the solution of such problems. Wherever possible, Chairs of Jewish Studies will be created and collaboration with Jewish scholars encouraged."

"Here in Rochester," the



Representatives of the University of Rochester, from left, Roger Lathan, director of development, and George Angle, vice president for public affairs, accept a personal pledge for \$2500 for the Philip S. Bernstein Professorship in Jewish Studies from Bishop Hogan.

Bishop said, "we have a unique opportunity to affirm these concerns through the Philip S. Bernstein Professorship in Jewish Studies. Rabbi Bernstein has long been a respected leader in our community and contributed in many ways to our total community dialogue. He has achieved international eminence as a scholar and world leader; Golda Meir recently visited our city primarily to honor him."

The recent Vatican Document (January 1975) gives new strength to the continuing Judeo-Christian relationship. The

montage of a trip to her grandparents, a candy-filled basket and a new long, yellow dress.

On Saturday night we went to Mass fulfilling our obligation for what used to be known as Passion Sunday. I listened to the miracle of the sermon. Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead. A new peace settled on me and I looked over at the five-year-old but the afternoon of hard swimming had taken its toll and she was asleep on her father's shoulder.

On Sunday we were out of the house and on our way to the Montezuma Swamps by 9 a.m.

Just inside the entrance to the wild life refuge, we spotted three deer including a yearling and when the kids went to the chain fence the deer came bounding from the little thicket to munch the heavily salted pretzel that was offered.

Farther down the trail we watched the brilliant blue of the sky turn almost black as wave upon wave of Canada geese headed for the marsh.

On our left the tall winter wheat they would feed on waved in the slight breeze. On our right the huge carp could be sighted in the icy water. Then a helicopter swooped low and a "Jillion" geese took to the air in a frenzy of swooping wings and flashing white underbodies.

Winter weary I took in the warmth of the sun, the melting and mixing of snow and mud and the honk of the geese.

I thought of Spring and new beginnings and Jesus raising Lazarus from the grave. A promise worth waiting for. A promise to trust in. I looked for the five-year-old to pass on new reassurance. But, she was hunting snails in the mud and snow.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



Sarah Child

I do not know how parents who disdain the idea of a life hereafter explain death to their children. It is hard enough even when you trust that dying is but a rebirth.

On Friday the five-year-old who has been discussing cemeteries with her best friend got to the nitty gritty.

"But if we go to heaven why do we have to go into the ground?" she wanted to know.

It was bedtime and conversation then is usually a stalling technique. But the answer to this question wouldn't wait.

"The important part of us goes to heaven. We don't need our bodies."

She was adamant: "Well I want mine."

"God promised us our bodies and souls would all go back together later."

She, who has trouble differentiating between two days and a week wanted an exact time: "When, two years, three years, when?"

I was losing control of the conversation; I told her the truth as I understood it. "Jesus said if we loved him and trusted him we don't ever have to be afraid."

As she chewed on that I tried a diversionary tactic not immediately aware of my own irony. "Think of something pleasant. Think about Easter." She settled down, her Easter a

document offers practical suggestions on how Roman Catholics are to seek a better understanding of the Religious Tradition of Judaism.

... Christians must strive to acquire a better knowledge of the basic components of the Religious Tradition of Judaism; they must strive to learn by what essential traits the Jews define themselves in the light of their own religious experience."

"I take this step at this time," Bishop Hogan said, "because this season of the year is a time sacred to both Jewish and Christian people. As Christians celebrate Holy Week and Jews observe the Passover, we are keenly aware of the spiritual and historical links binding us together. These relationships oblige us to a better mutual understanding and a renewed, mutual esteem. The intent of my gift is to be a sign of the Interreligious Goodwill in the Rochester Community, to encourage others to join in these efforts, and to serve as a visible response to the Vatican Document."

Auburn Chaplain To Give Homily At Legion Acies

The Legion of Mary will hold the annual Acies Ceremony for senior and junior active members, as well as auxiliary members, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6.

Father Clarence Gardner, chaplain at Auburn Correctional Facility, and spiritual director of the Legion of Mary Praesidium within the prison, will give the homily. Families and friends of Auburn Correctional Facility residents are especially welcomed to the Acies.

The Acies is a time when together the spiritual directors and members of the Legion of Mary publicly demonstrate their union, dependence, and renewal to God, through Mary, the Queen of the Legion.

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St. Lawrence Hosts Leader

Father Allan Tammany, a Franciscan priest and founder-director of the Emmanuel Prayer Community in Albany, will be at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 1013 N. Greece Road, Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5, to conduct a prayer meeting, a teaching seminar and a Eucharistic celebration.

Father Tammany at which St. Augustine's Folk Group will provide the music.

The prayer meeting at 7:30 p.m., Friday, will open the weekend led by Father Tammany and an apostolate team from his community. Music will be provided by St. Helen's Folk Group known as "The Joy Group." No first-Friday charismatic Mass will be celebrated that evening.

A teaching seminar for persons of all ages and in all walks of life who find themselves in positions of responsibility and/or leadership will be conducted by Father Tammany at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 5, in St. Lawrence's Parish Hall.

The weekend activities will conclude at 7 p.m. Saturday with a charismatic Mass celebrated by

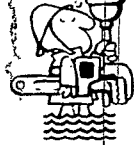
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