

Bishop Asks Support Of Lay Leaders

About 100 Catholic lay leaders from the diocese heard Bishop Joseph L. Hogan ask for their support last Thursday to "bridge the gap" to the future.

The bishop called it a "heavy task" and asked that "you help share the burden with us. I will need spiritual support, your leadership and financial support as well."

At the meeting in Marine Midland auditorium, he elaborated on the immediate needs of the diocese outlined in a "Master Plan." This was developed by a lay steering committee which used studies by the Priests Council, the Sisters Council, the Diocesan Pastoral Council and members of the bishop's staff.

The program calls for a \$10 million endowment fund, supplemented by an annual Special Projects Program of \$300,000.

"We are developing an endowment thrust," Bishop Hogan said, "so as not to be a continual burden on our parishes. We are also trying to go to those of our people whom God has favored with this world's goods and who may be able to share. We don't want to undercut the parish support pattern in developing this program."

Bishop Hogan confirmed that this particular development approach was more difficult, comparatively untried, except by universities, hospitals and large institutions. "But," he said, "we feel, for the security of each local parish's operation, a parallel program would be best for now."

The bishop hopes to involve 300 to 400 people and make contacts with about 1,400 (about 2 per cent of the Catholic families in the diocese).



Bishop Hogan addressed a group of distinguished lay Catholics last Thursday at Marine Midland headquarters. He and the panel stressed the amount of work still to be done in the diocese, although much had been accomplished.

Photo by Ben Susso

THE OPEN WINDOW



Fr. Louis Hohman

Dear Father Hohman,

I would like to respond to C.N., whose letter appeared in your column Nov. 19; also to Marion, Dec. 24. Marion's letter was well written. I couldn't have come up with a better answer myself. The wedding feast was a perfect example. I want to give you my opinion, if I may.

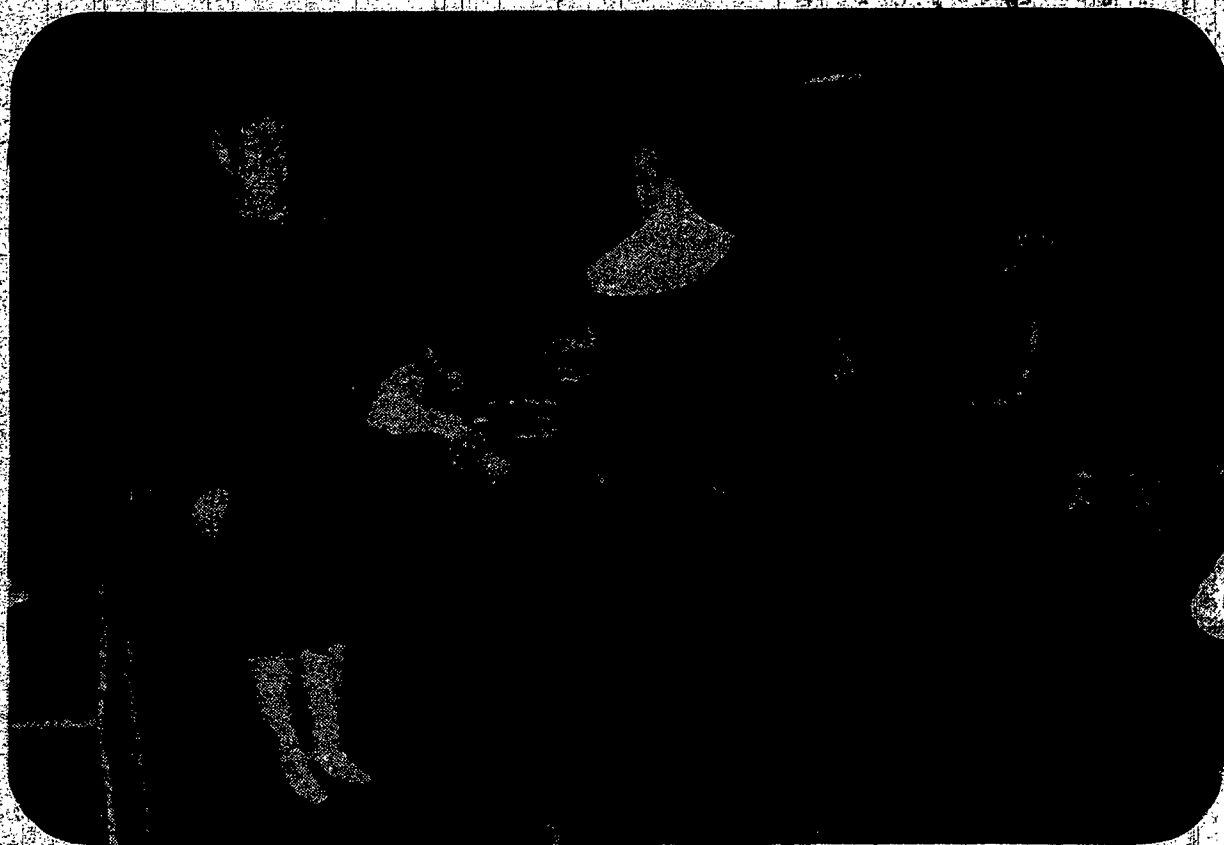
The people that stopped going to Mass on account of the changes would have stopped going anyway. They were looking for an excuse and would have found one eventually. This was as good an excuse as any. The old way, half the people were saying the Rosary. The Rosary is fine, but to my opinion should not be said during a Mass. Now the people fully participate along with the Priest and understand what is being said. What is

wrong with that? Is that a reason to stop going to Mass?

Sincerely,
Mrs. M.C.

Dear Mrs. M.C.,

I do agree with you to the extent that I believe that many people who stopped going to Mass when the changes came used that as an excuse and would have found one eventually. But I do not know how many is many and certainly we cannot impute that reason to everyone who stopped going at that time. The fact that some people were saying the Rosary during Mass in the old days is testimony to the fact that they believed that the meaning of their presence at Mass was their solitary communion with God without regard for the fact that they were in community. As long as they thought of it as a relationship to God in isolation from others, what they did at Mass was pretty personal and individual. It is only when we see the Mass as a community worship, needing a particular form for all those who are present that we come to the point where the Rosary is not a proper way to assist at Mass. We need a unified worship in which all consciously take part. That unified way is the way of the Sacramentary and lectionary — in other words, the revised Roman Ritual. Maybe there are some people who simply do not want to worship in community. In that case they have a real problem with Christianity. But it is their problem and it is not up to us to condemn them.



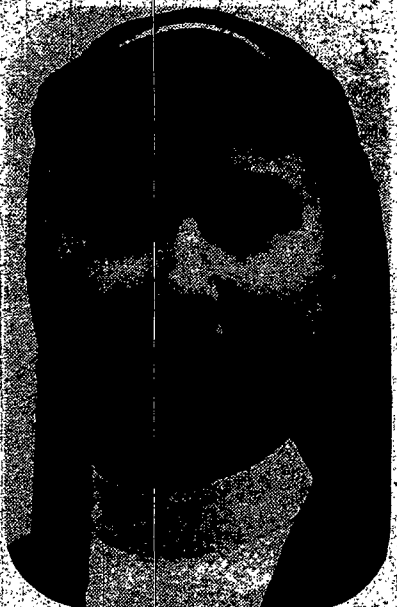
The Old and the New
Sister Walter Anne O'Malley, principal of Blessed Trinity school in Auburn and Sister Francine model the new and the old style habits as Msgr. Joseph Gefell, pastor of St. Alphonsus, looks on. They were participating in a Roaring 20's program with the students during Catholic Education Week.

Sr. De Chantal Named to State Board

Sister DeChantal LaRow, administrator of St. Mary's Hospital has been appointed by Gov. Hugh L. Carey to the New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council. The full council meets quarterly in New York City to review applications for construction, renovation and new services to hospitals, nursing homes and other health facilities in the State of New York. The council also approves additions and amendments to the Hospital Code of the New York State Department of Health.

Sister DeChantal has been active in health planning for several years and currently serves as a member of the Monroe County Hospital Committee. Previous to coming to Rochester, she served six years as a member of the N.Y.-Penn. Health Planning Council, Inc., a five-county regional planning agency in Binghamton.

The New York State Hospital Review and Planning Council receives and acts on recommendations from the seven regional councils, including N.-Penn. and in this area, the Genesee Region Health Planning Council.



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ROBERTS COLLEGE OFFERS CONCERT

Robert Hale, leading bass-baritone with the New York City Opera Company, and Dean Wilder, head of the voice department at Westminster Choir College of Princeton, N.J., will give a concert of sacred music at 8 p.m. Friday, March 5, in Pearce Memorial Sanctuary on the Roberts Wesleyan College campus. The concert is open to the public without charge.

Regional Highlights

TOMPKINS-TIOGA REGION

Work continues on the parish council reviews. John Evans and six volunteers are evaluating each constitution in the region.

A list of nominees for the board of trustees has been submitted to Father Joseph Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

A workshop was suggested to help regional priests in the area of group dynamics, a field that many area priests feel they need to work on. Thomas Kochan of the regional executive committee stated he could find someone that would help improve pastoral ministry skill.

A question was raised on diocesan policy regarding parish budget assessments. Father Albert

Cason, regional coordinator, will request the Finance Committee not to change assessments after March 1. This will make it easier for parishes that prepare their budgets before that date.

The next meeting will be March 11 at Father Kevin Murphy's residence in Ithaca.

CANDY SALE

St. Jude's Marian League is conducting its annual Easter Candy Sale. A complete line of Fanny Farmer candies and Easter novelties is available. League officers who are taking orders for the sweets include: Delores Madau, 426-2348; Peggy O'Hare, 426-1177; Joan Maher, 247-5169; Jean Slade, 352-0523; Joyce Lillie, 352-4514; Antoinette Marotti, 247-4448. Orders also will be taken at the church rectory.



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