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## Anniversary Celebration

Pope Paul VI celebrates Mass at the climax of the Vatican's year-long observance of the 500th anniversary of the birth of Michelangelo Buonarroti.

## DPC Approves Justice, Peace Office Proposal

By MARTIN TOOMBS

The approval of the Peace and Justice proposal seemed very much in question at the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) last Saturday at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. The proposal, already rejected by the Priest's Council, came under heavy attack from several DPC members. It was approved, however.

Other Council action included approval of resolutions governing its own actions, and hearing an unscheduled talk from a member representing Rochester's Spanish-speaking community.

Evilio Perez, chairman of the committee that wrote the proposal for a Peace and Justice Commission, explained the proposal, its goals, and why he feels it is needed. He emphasized that the volunteers on the commission would supply expertise that presently would have to be hired to be tapped.

Several DPC members attacked the proposal, claiming the work proposed for it should be done by existing groups, and that the further expenditures would not be justified. The DPC's Social Mission committee made its recom-

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## Bishop Hogan Promotes New 'Bishop Selection'

By JOHN DASH

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has told the Priests Council, "I would like to see you get moving" on a new process for the selection of bishops.

He told them to "give impetus" to a process using broad consultation, and revealed to them that he recently had been having conversation with the chief author of such a process.

His remarks seemed to put an episcopal seal on a consensus vote taken by the council last month which supported a "Syracuse Plan" for the selection of bishops.

That plan, authored by Father James O'Connell of Syracuse, calls for establishing a committee to write a profile of the diocese,

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establish the qualifications of a man needed to match the specific profile of the diocese and matching candidates to the profile.

In fact, the process is underway in Syracuse. The priests senate of that diocese, with an eye to the impending resignation of Bishop David F. Cunningham, has established a committee to study the condition and needs of the diocese. The committee is headed by Msgr. Joseph Champlin, pastor of Holy Family in Fulton. On the committee is Bishop Cunningham's own representative, Msgr. Richard Clark, chancellor.

During the next few weeks a broad spectrum of diocesan will be asked three questions:

Where do you think the

Catholic Church is at the present time in the diocese of Syracuse?

"What steps do you believe the Church here should take in the near and distant future to move where we ought to be?"

"How would you describe the kind of bishop who could best lead us to those goals?"

Answers to these questions as well as responses from diocesan agencies will go into a report to the Priests' Senate in May. The approved report would then be forwarded to Bishop Cunningham and his auxiliaries, to Archbishop Jadot, to the U.S. Bishops' Committee on the Nomination of Bishops, and to the president of Region 2 of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

According to a report in The Catholic Sun, the Syracuse

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## The RapAround Look

What's on the reverse side of the new look in sweat-shirts? Above, Mimi Zelter of Mercy displays one side of the new RapAround sweatshirts. For further details turn to Page 17 and see the "Total RapAround Look" and how you can be a part of it.

### Lenten Series

In preparation for starting the New Rite of Penance in the diocese, the Courier-Journal's episcopal advisor, Father Louis Hohman continues his series this week on the theology of the changes. Page 3.

## Father McMahon Named Pastor

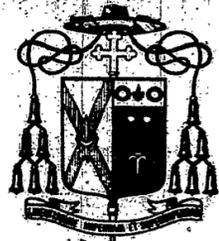
Father Gerard J. McMahon, associate pastor of Corpus Christi, Rochester, since last June, will become pastor of St. Patrick's, Moravia, on March 24. He will succeed Father William Gaynor, whose health has forced his retirement; the pastoral office announced.

Father Paul J. Cloonan was named associate pastor of St. Patrick's, Victor, as of today. He had been a chaplain at St. Ann's Home since June.

Father McMahon, 43, had been an associate pastor at St. Mary's, Corning, from 1969 until his recent transfer to Rochester. Earlier, he had served at St. Mary's of the Lake in Ontario, Our Lady of Mercy, Greece, and St. Anthony's, Rochester. He is a Rochesterian, from St. Monica's parish. He attended Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's

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## Diocesan Appointments



Father Gerard J. McMahon to pastor, St. Patrick's, Moravia; from associate pastor, Corpus Christi, Rochester, effective March 24.

Father Paul J. Cloonan to associate pastor, St. Patrick's, Victor; from chaplaincy, St. Ann's Home, effective March 10.

Father Daniel R. Brent, leaving the active ministry.

### RETIREMENT

Father William Gaynor, from pastorate of St. Patrick's, Moravia.