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Chrism Mass Set April 13 at Church in Elmira

Home woven vestments, a brass quartet and the spirit of unity will herald the concelebration of this year's Chrism Mass at the mother church of the Elmira area, Ss. Peter and Paul.

The Chrism Mass, traditionally held during Holy Week, has moved through various regions of the diocese and will be scheduled for the first time in the Chemung-Schuyler area on Tuesday, April 13, at 8 p.m.

Concelebrating with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty; diocesan regional coordinators, Fathers Richard Torney, Albert Cason, Michael Reagan, Joseph G. Gefell, Charles McCarthy, Conrad Sundholm, William Aman, Thomas W. Burr, Roy J. Kiggins, and Emmet Holloran, and the director of the Office of Pastoral Ministry, Father Douglas Hoffman.

Bishop Hogan continues his emphasis on shared responsibility in the Church of Rochester with the theme of "unity" which was set in his renewal liturgy at Elmira's Notre Dame High School last month.

It will be during this annual celebration that the ancient rite which observes the healing and

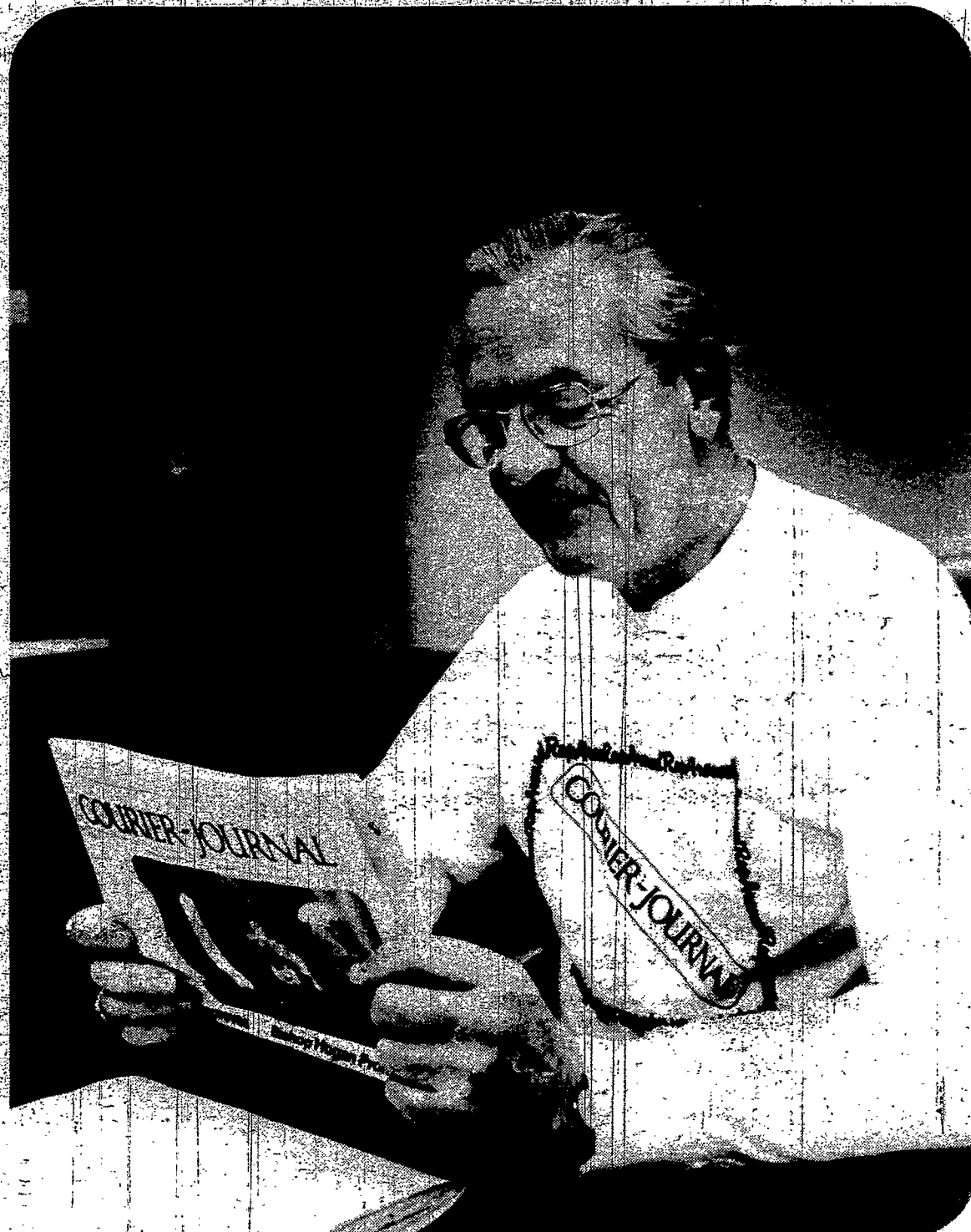
consecrating ministries of the Church will be coupled with the preparation of the oils and chrism used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick. The oils and chrism will then be taken by parish representatives to their home churches.

The Elmira Planning Committee for the liturgy is being directed by Father Timothy McCough, OCD, of the Pastoral Care Department of St. Joseph's Hospital. Father Robert Kennedy is coordinator assigned for the diocese.

The Chemung-Schuyler Region parishioners have hand woven the chasubles, priest and deacon stoles, altar covering and pulpit banner on specially constructed looms.

A brass quartet from Ithaca College, parish choir from St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads, and the Adult Folk Group of Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Elmira, will provide the wide selection of liturgical music.

Lay men and women and religious of the Chemung-Schuyler Region will assume many of the participatory roles in the celebration.



Model Bishop

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan good-naturedly shows off a birthday present from his favorite diocesan newspaper — a RapAround sweatshirt. The Bishop received the gift for celebration of his 60th birthday, March 11. The sweatshirts are available. See Page 16.

Photo by Susan McKinney

Diocesan Abortions: 5,000—Plus in 1975

By MICHAEL GRODEN

More than 5,000 elective abortions were performed on women living in the Rochester diocese during 1975.

Figures obtained from the State Department of Biostatistics in Albany show that there were 5,031 elective abortions (does not include therapeutic abortions) in the 12-county region in 1975, 35 fewer than in 1974.

Officials from several counties pointed out, however, that women often go out of state for reasons of privacy or because medical care

and facilities may be better. Tioga County officials, for instance, reported that many women from the Southern Tier cross the state line into Pennsylvania for abortions. New York State women are not included in state figures if their abortions were performed outside the state.

In Monroe County, 3,215 residents had abortions, well more than half of the total in the diocese. This represented an increase of 75 over 1974, the largest jump in the diocese. Tompkins County had the most noticeable decline with 45 fewer abortions than in 1974.

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County	1975 Abortions	1974 Abortions
Cayuga	205	194
Chemung	135	158
Livingston	184	189
Monroe	3,215	3,138
Ontario	262	273
Schuyler	29	41
Seneca	85	88
Steuben	171	204
Tioga	110	117
Tompkins	325	370
Wayne	254	247
Yates	56	47

Black Culture Mass Offered To Parishes

A distinctive style of worship that has evolved in black congregations in the United States will enhance the noon Mass Sunday, March 21, at St. Monica's Church, 831 Genesee.

Father Jerome Robinson, OP, diocesan director of Black Ministries, will be the celebrant, and a choir associated with his apostolate will perform under the direction of William Crimm. The public is invited to take part in the Mass and stay for coffee afterward.

The event, arranged by the Black Ministries church worship committee, will be the first of its kind in Rochester. Viola Brown, committee member, explained:

"To introduce the black worship style to the Catholic Church, we have put together what we call a 'traveling black Mass.' It's a package, available without charge, but there is one requirement: there must be a coffee hour, so that the people can meet the celebrant and the singers."

The director of the black choir
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Father Thomas Mull Ordination Scheduled

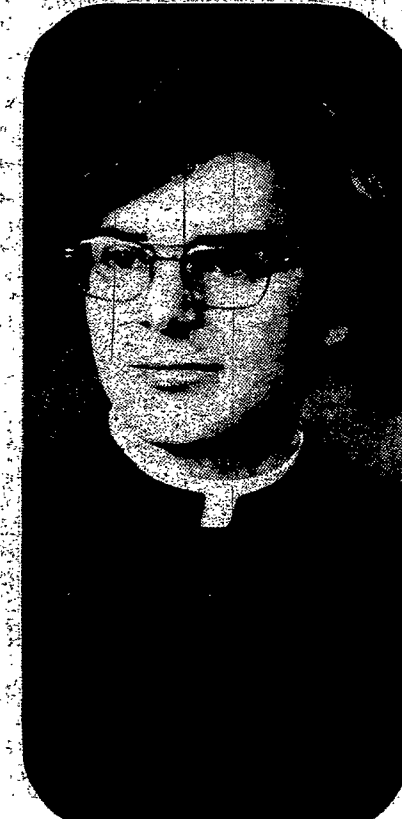
A quote from the prophet Micah, "to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God" is the theme Deacon Thomas Mull has chosen for his ordination to the priesthood.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will ordain the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mull of Waterloo on Friday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Rochester where Father Mull is a deacon intern. A reception will follow the Mass.

The ordinand attended St. Mary's School, Waterloo; DeSales High School, Geneva; and St. John Fisher College (through Becket Hall) where he earned a bachelor's degree in history. Father Mull took an M. Div. in theology from St. Bernard's Seminary.

While a student at St. Bernard's, Father Mull worked with the CCD program at St. Charles Borromeo, with the DePaul Clinic and at St. Joseph's Church, Penfield. Also while at St. Bernard's, he served as student council president.

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FATHER MULL