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Shake, Brother!

Bishop Robert R. Spears, Jr., left, and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan greet each other at the ecumenical clergy conference held last week at Becket Hall. The meeting, an historic one, drew together more than 160 clergymen for dialogue.

Leaders of 2 Faiths in Historical Meeting

By JOHN DASH

An unexpectedly large turnout of Episcopal and Roman Catholic clergymen last week greeted a man who has been predicting that, within his lifetime, the two churches would find themselves in a structured association — some form of organic union.

The event was an historic meeting called by Bishop Robert R. Spears, Jr. and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan to encourage local dialogue in the spirit of certain international dialogues now underway in England.

Father Charles Angell, SA, himself a convert to Roman Catholicism, and the editor of *Ecumenical Trends*, a national documentary service for ecumenism, was the speaker for the day.

More than 160 clergymen were registered for the event, with many more participating at various times during the day.

Father Angell confessed he expected less than one fourth of that number to attend.

Both Roman Catholic Bishop Hogan and Episcopal Bishop Spears expressed their "surprise" and "gratitude" at the number.

At the heart of the meeting was the "fact," Father Angell stressed, that "The Roman Catholic and the International Anglican Communion — these two churches — are growing together."

He said that the clergymen who do "not" reflect this in their respective communities are "not adequate clergymen."

The focus of the gathering was on two statements issued in the past few years on the Eucharist and on Ministry and Ordination.

The statements came from the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission established in 1966 by Pope Paul VI and the Archbishop of Canterbury, the late Michael Ramsay.

The agreed statement on the Eucharist was issued at Windsor in 1971 and the statement on the Ordained Ministry was issued at Canterbury in 1973. They are commonly referred to in

ecumenical circles by places of origin rather than by their subjects.

A third document, on authority (including the subject of papal infallibility), is expected to be issued by the commission "within the next year or two," Father Angell said.

"It is of the greatest concern to the commission that the two documents do not fall on deaf ears," he noted.

The commission "needs — is hungry for reaction on the local level," the Atonement friar stressed.

The Windsor and Canterbury statements are "not new creeds," Father Angell said. Rather they are agreements issued in the theologians' own names, submitted first to the international heads of each communion, who in turn have submitted them to the local churches for study and reaction.

The priest said that the essence of the Windsor agreement was that the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is "the one time, for all time, all sufficient sacrifice." In the course of the dialogue, it was recognized that the "Real Presence must be protected," he said.

"The problem lies in the notion of 'memorial,'" he explained. The joint commission took the Jewish idea of memorial as "making effective in the present an event in the past." The body then agreed that "Jesus himself must effect the memorial," thus preserving the teaching of the Real Presence in contemporary language, he said.

At Canterbury, the priest noted, the commission agreed that for the credentials of the minister, one must look to the community he serves.

"We do not look at who ordained whom," he noted. "How do I know I am a priest of Jesus Christ — the Church attest to the validity of ordination."

The priest, who began his talk by addressing the entire body, "Dear brothers in the priesthood of Jesus Christ," said that the purpose of the priesthood "is to build up the whole church."

The agreement, he said, stresses



At the opening prayer service are Father Peter Courtney of St. Peter's, Henrietta; Bishop Spears, Bishop Hogan, and Father Robert Kennedy of the Pastoral Center.

that the Priesthood of Jesus Christ is "entirely unique."

"Yet," he said, the body also noted, "Ours is in a different realm from the priesthood of all believers."

Looking to the future, the priest noted that "There is so little Christian community today, we don't want to destroy what's viable today."

He said that he expects he will see "The free association of two sister apostolic churches in full communion," a sentiment he said also was expressed by Pope Paul.

A controversy arose from the floor on viewing the Eucharist as both a sign and as a cause of unity. Father Henry Atwell, himself a noted ecumenist, bemoaned the fact that although Vatican Council

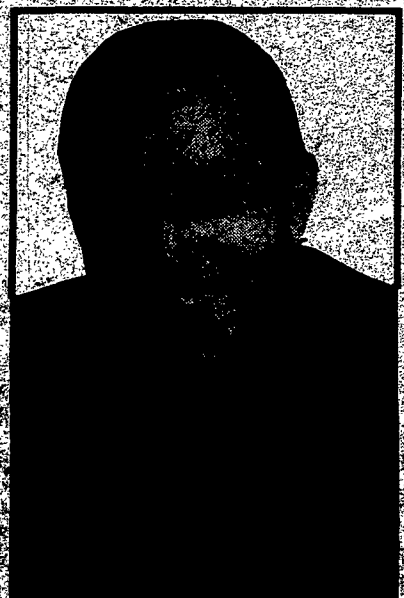
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Father Reagan Dies at 46

Elmira — Father Michael Reagan, chaplain and guidance counselor at Notre Dame High School for the past 10 years, died unexpectedly May 19, 1976, at the age of 46. He was stricken while playing golf at East Stroudsburg, Pa.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial Saturday morning at the high school, and Father Reagan was buried in his family's plot in Addison. Father John Leary, pastor of St. Mary's Elmira, gave the funeral homily. Bishop John E. McCafferty was principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass of Christ the High Priest Friday evening at the school.

Father Reagan was regional coordinator for the Chemung-Schenectady Region. He also served as chaplain at the Elmira Reception Center and the Chemung County Jail. He was also the sheriff's department liaison officer in the area. He was a member of the New York State



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Personnel and Guidance Association and the Association of College Admissions Counselors.

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Pastoral Office Lists More Changes

Father Francis J. Erb was appointed last week to the pastorate of St. Catherine of Siena in Addison.

Father Walter Wainwright will become pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas in Leicester, and its missions.

Father Joseph Hart, who has been serving his priest-internship as assistant pastor of St. Anne's, Rochester, has been named to the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The Pastoral Office announcement said also that Father William Donnelly, chaplain at Monroe Community College for the

past seven years, had been given a leave of absence.

The pastoral appointments take effect June 23, with several others previously announced.

For the past year, Father Erb has been pastor of St. Joachim, Canisteo, and St. Mary, Rexville, following a three-year term as pastor of St. Pius V, Cohocton. He was ordained in 1954.

Father Wainwright, ordained in 1965, has been at St. Joseph's, Penfield, for the past five years, first as assistant, then as co-pastor. His new territory includes St. Raphael in Piffard and St. Lucy, Retsof.