

Bishop Tells DSC Of Ordination Position

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9. That the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference continue to examine the moral dimensions of the policies of our government with particular attention to the effects of multinational corporations with large investments in Third World countries. The results of these examinations, and the statements and teaching of the bishops on these subjects should be better publicized than in the past

8. That the National Conference of Catholic Bishops urge parishes to become more aware of neighborhood concerns and issues that affect the lives of parishioners and express these concerns and issues in weekly liturgies





10. That the Bishops' national commitment to economic and social justice and the elimination of poverty and racism as an effective means of reducing crime reemphasize the necessity of abolishing capital punishment.



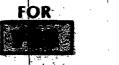


11. That the Bishop's national commit nent to economic and social justice and the elimination of poverty and racism as an effective means of reducing crime include citizen involvement to improve all aspects of the criminal justice system and the development of alternatives to prisons.





12. That each parish acknowledge the evil of racism in American life and form a discussion/action unit to make its parishioners more aware of their own roots and of traditions and the customs of other people.





Twice in the course of last week's deliberations the assembly at the Diocesan Sisters Council fell into a virtual total silence.

councillors' at-The tention both times was tixed on the words of invited guests, Father Jerome Robinson and Bishop Joseph L Hogan

The Bishop addressed the sisters on a number of his concerns, including his response to the recent declaration from the Vatican on the ordination of women to the priesthood

His response criticized the adeclaration a which reaffirmed the Church discipline of ordaining only men to the priesthood, because, among other reasons, males bear a "natural resemblance" to Christ

A "theologically horrible statement," the bishop told the sisters. He said he saw the Vatican's issuance of the declaration as "and opportunity for a teaching moment

declarations without the stamp of infallibility and said "certain statements obviously are subject to correction

"If the Magisterium (teaching authority) (closes off investigation, it deserves the response I gave to it."

"The decree is reformable," the bishop said

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A motion by Sister Alice McLaughlin that the council support the bishop in his "prophetic leadership for justice and his leadership for the people of the diocese" was passed by the council

Father Jerome Robinson, a Dominican who heads the diocesan Office of Black Ministries, addressed himself to racial justice and racial attitudes. The sisters had invited him to speak on the document from the Detroit Call to Action

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