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## Cancer Mass



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Father Joseph W. Dailey greets a parishioner after the special Cancer Mass Sunday at Corpus Christi Church. Church-goers from many areas attended the Mass; the liturgy of which was directed toward a building of hope in the face of the dread disease. Upper right, Nancy Crane, Ann McCormick and Susan McCormick came from other parishes for the observance and at right is Angeline Marrocco.



## DPC Urges Diocese to Set Up NFP 'Machinery'

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Canandaigua—The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) approved a motion calling for the diocese "to set up effective machinery to disseminate accurate, scientific, usable information on Natural Family Planning" at its meeting last Saturday.

The DPC also approved a proposal calling for the appointment by the diocesan Liturgy Office of liturgy coordinators to serve the diocese's regions.

The council also heard reports on the Permanent Diaconate Task Force, and nursing home ministry.

Active, thorough discussion of the Natural Family Planning (NFP) proposal involved the council for more than an hour. The discussion involved the birth control method itself, the program's cost, and the advisability of diocesan support for the program.

Thomas Costello, a member of the sponsoring Worship and Life Committee, noted that the interest in NFP demonstrates the need for diocesan support. He added that the current number of teaching couples are unable to keep up with the demand for instruction.

Raymond Hensler questioned NFP's effectiveness, noting that "I don't think that's been established." Marilyn Muench noted that the statistics provided with the proposal showed that NFP had a greater effectiveness than sterilization, which she found hard to believe.

Father Louis Hohman responded to a suggestion that the existence of a diocesan office would be "coercive." He stated that those not following the dictates of *Humanae Vitae* will not be coerced by an NFP program, but it would make NFP available to those who wish to follow the Church's teaching on birth control.

NFP's inclusion in existing birth control programs was discussed, but ignorance of NFP, and reluctance on the part of those operating such programs were noted as reasons why that approach wouldn't work.

Several documents on the proposal had been distributed to members, and James Chisholm moved that the proposal be tabled so one proposal could be offered at a future date. The motion was defeated, 19-17, with one abstention.

The committee motion called for a full-time coordinator, although the proposal supplied to members before the meeting asked for a half-time employee. After cost concerns were raised, the motion was defeated, 21-15, with one abstention.

Nancy Werner then moved that the original proposal offered by Helen Halligan be approved. That motion, calling for the establishment of "effective machinery" instead of specific staff requirements, was approved, 28-7, with two abstentions.

Discussion of the appointment of liturgy coordinators to serve the

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## Chrism Mass in Readiness

Auburn—Hundreds of diocesans are preparing this week for the pilgrimage to the Chrism Mass, slated this year at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, April 5.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the principal celebrant of the rites during which the oils used in the administration of several sacraments are blessed.

Joining the bishop at the altar will be the ten regional coordinators of the diocese, among others.

The Mass will begin at 8 p.m.

Personnel for the Mass:

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, main celebrant and homilist.

Concelebrants: Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey, John E. McCafferty; Father Douglas C. Hoffman, diocesan director of Pastoral Ministry; Msgr. James D. Cuffney, pastor, St. Mary's, Auburn; Father Elmer W. Heindl, regional coordinator, Seneca-Cayuga; Father Conrad J. Sundholm, regional coordinator, Monroe North; Father Foster P. Rogers, regional coordinator, Monroe Northeast; Father Richard A. Hart, regional coordinator, Monroe Southeast; Father Emmett J. Halloran, regional coordinator, Monroe Southwest; Father Eugene R. Weis, regional coordinator, Monroe Northwest; Father Joseph T. Caynor, regional coordinator, Chemung-Schuyler; Father Charles L. McCarthy, regional coordinator, Livingston-Stauben; Father Albert H. Cason, regional coordinator, Tompkins-Tioga; Msgr. William M. Roche.

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## Black African Cardinal Assassinated in Congo

The cardinal archbishop of Brazzaville in the Congo Republic was kidnapped and slain March 23 in what the authorities attributed to an outbreak of tribal warfare.

Cardinal Emile Biayenda was murdered five days after the assassination of his friend, the late President Marien Ngouabi. The 11-member committee now in charge of Congo government promised a special court martial for all persons arrested in connection with the two deaths. The junta claimed that relatives of President Ngouabi had murdered the cardinal, and that former President Alphonse Masemba-Debat had plotted the assassination of Ngouabi.

The black cardinal was the second of his rank to be murdered in this century, and the second only in more than three hundred years. The other victim was a

Spaniard who met his death in 1923 during a church-state upheaval in his home country.

Pope Paul announced "the bitter and sad news" during his general audience last week in Rome. In New York, Cardinal Terence Cooke celebrated a Friday noon Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral in memory of his African colleague.

Paying tribute to Cardinal Biayenda, Radio Brazzaville stressed his friendship with President Ngouabi. The two had held a regularly scheduled conference less than an hour before Ngouabi's death, according to news wire reports.

Cardinal Biayenda, 50, was ordained to the priesthood in 1958, two years before the French government left the Congo. He was made archbishop of Brazzaville in 1971 and a cardinal in 1973.

## Mercy Sisters Set Elections

The Rochester Sisters of Mercy will elect a major superior for their group on April 3 at the motherhouse on Blossom Road.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will preside over the formal convocation and counting of votes.

Ballots to nominate candidates and later to elect were distributed to the sisters throughout the diocese and returned to the Election Committee,

chaired by Sister Mary Borromeo Povero.

A pre-election day meeting on March 13 allowed the members of the congregation to meet with the nominees and to exchange their views on congregational concerns and issues.

On April 13, the election process will begin for the four councillors, who, with the major superior, form the congregation's Executive Council.

The churchman and the slain president respected each other and maintained good relations, although they were related to rival tribes from opposite ends of the country, Vatican sources said. Church-state relations in the Congo improved during Ngouabi's nine-year presidency, these sources noted. Cardinal Biayenda was reported to have approved Ngouabi's Marxist policies and to have said that socialism was "the only solution able to establish the order of justice."

Cardinal Biayenda's death occurred about a month after that of Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum of Uganda, who was arrested on charges of plotting against President Idi Amin, and then speedily done away with in what the government claimed was an automobile accident.



This is the symbol of a burgeoning program developing between St. Margaret Mary Parish and Holy Redeemer Parish in Rochester. How that program is developing is outlined on Pages 16 and 17.

## Joseph McCaffrey Ordained Priest

Ontario—"The Spirit is fire and the wings that fly us home," was the theme of last Friday night's ordination to the priesthood of Father Joseph McCaffrey at St. Mary's of the Lake Church here.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan presided over the ordination of the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCaffrey of San Antonio, Tex.

The theme of the rites is taken from a song by John Denver, the lyrics of which describe the action and presence of the Spirit in the universe. "It really speaks

for itself," Father McCaffrey noted.

The newly-ordained priest was born in Tokyo, Japan. He graduated from Good Counsel High School in Wheaton, Md., and from St. John Fisher College/Becket Hall and St. Bernard's Seminary.

He has worked at radio stations WROC and WBBF, has served Rochester General Hospital and St. Stanislaus and St. Christopher's parishes. He took his Clinical Pastoral Education at Paul Dever State School in Taunton, Mass.