

# St. John Neu ... a Canon



The Holy Father arrives for canonization ceremonies.



Part of the crowd of some 25,000 in St. Peter's Square.

Vatican City - Among the thousands of John Nepomucene Neumann's countrymen who made the pilgrimage here to attend his canonization was a contingent of Rochester diocesans headed by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

When Pope Paul read the solemn Formula of Canonization there were some 25,000 in attendance at the Sunday morning Mass under a 90-degree sun. About 20,000 were from the United States.

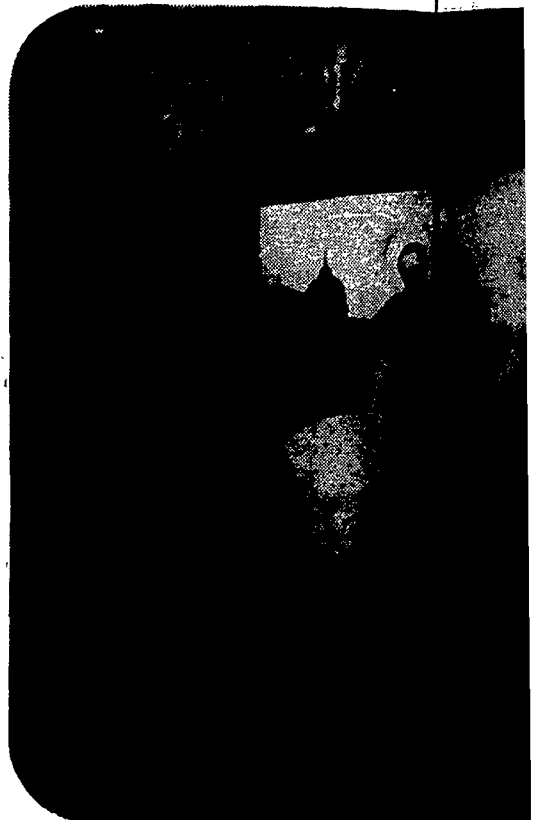
And while Philadelphia, the place where St. John Neumann labored for eight years as bishop, was better represented than any other city, Rochester nonetheless remembered through its delegation that the new saint had also labored in that diocese.

Among those from the Rochester diocese at the canonization were Richard Freemesser, Larry Allen, John Englert, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cinquegrana, Margaret Cannon, Louise Bellittera, Susan DeBlase,

Mrs. Harrell West, Mary Bartholomay, Mary Williams, Gloria Toscano, Mary Chiarenza, Catherine Ferris, Rose Alvaro. Joining the group was Donna Ainsworth of the Buffalo diocese.

Father Michael Conboy, secretary to Bishop Hogan, and Msgr. Richard Burns, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, also were on hand, as was Father Bernard Power, Redemptorist pastor of Our Lady of Victory in downtown Rochester. St. John Neumann joined the Redemptorists in 1842 and became their U.S. superior in 1847.

"All people should rejoice in John Neumann because he was a man for all people," Father Power said. "He was a foreigner, a



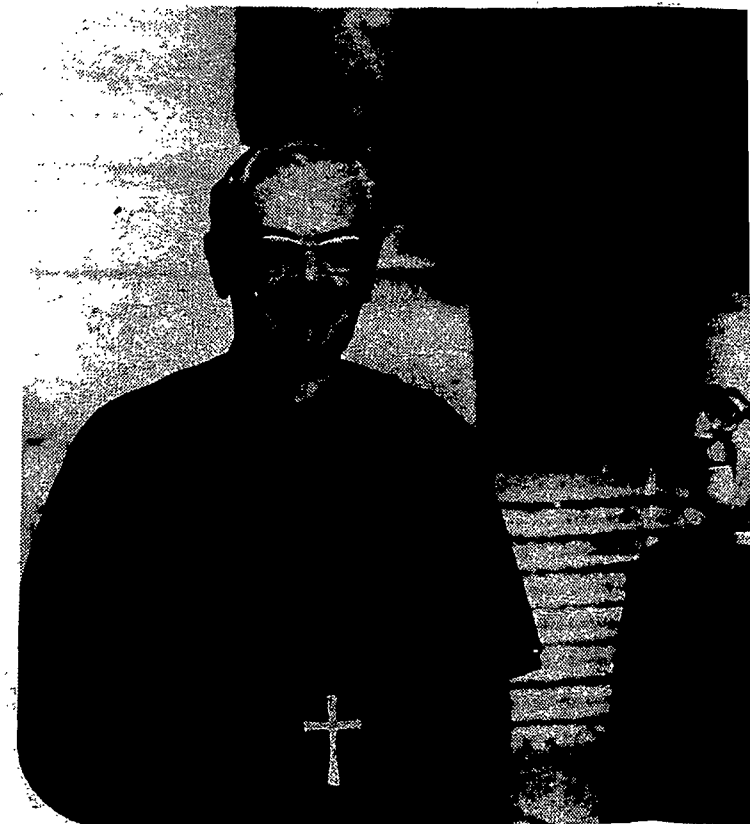
A huge rendering of St. John Neumann hu  
trance to St. Peter's and formed the visu  
liturgy in front of the basil



Father Power, Bishop Hogan and Father Conboy joined the bishops and priests from Syracuse and Lansing, Mich., for a Mass in St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice.



Doing reading at Mass inside St. Peter's is Father Power.



Bishop Hogan and Msgr. Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thoma  
enjoyed Roman events.

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