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Cinquegrana, from Newark, remarked that "it was a glorious day. Three unforgettable highlights - a canonization, Mass celebrated by the Holy Father, and Communion in St. Peter's Square."

The Pope arrived just two minutes before the 9:30 start of Mass. He was greeted by cheers and responded enthusiastically. The throng itself had begun arriving some two hours before.

About a half-hour into the liturgy the Pope read the Formula of Canonization with the key phrase "we

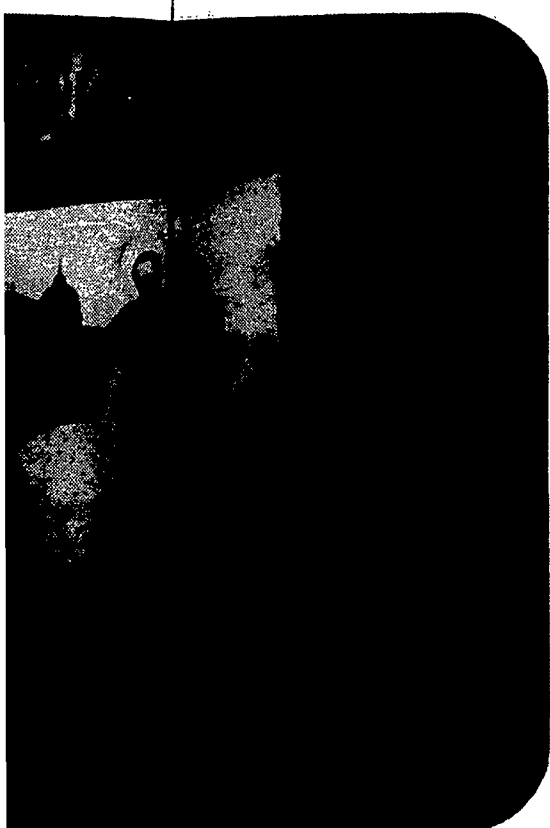
declare and define that Blessed John Nepomucene Neumann is a Saint . . ."

In addition to the parasol-dotted crowd in the historic square, there were some dozen cardinals, an equal number of archbishops and dozens of bishops taking part in the liturgy. In addition, many members of the Vatican diplomatic corps were in attendance, including Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. representative at the Vatican. Other prominent visitors included Mayor Rizzo and Methodist Bishop Corson of Philadelphia.

Although overshadowed by the canonization, other events of religious significance were on the Rochester group's itinerary. These included visits to the other major basilicas of Rome; a special Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel inside St. Peter's; a Mass in Assisi, home of St. Francis; visits to St. Anthony's hometown of Padua and St. Catherine's Siena; and a Mass inside St. Mark's in Venice.



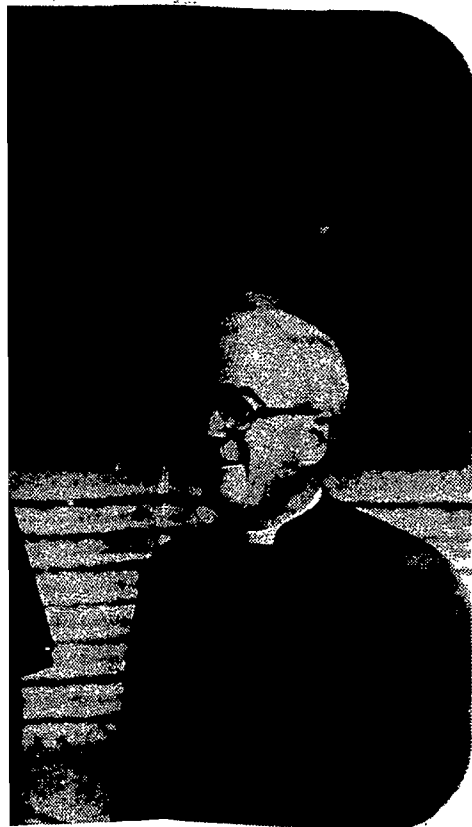
Gifts indigenous to areas served by St. John Neumann were brought to the altar.



St. John Neumann hung over the main entrance and formed the visual backdrop for the liturgy in front of the basilica.



Pope Paul, during the canonization liturgy.



Burns, pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle, officiated at the canonization events.

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Mayor Frank Rizzo and his wife of Philadelphia, left, and Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. representative at the Vatican, right, were at the rites.