



Andrew Molloy, DPC president, speaks to the joint meeting of the diocese's consultative bodies. With him on stage are, from left, Joseph Mercier, master of ceremonies, Bishop Hogan, Sister Barbara Moore and Father Louis Hohman.



Delegates from the three consultative bodies, listening to Bishop Hogan's address.

Photos by Martin Toombs

### A First for Consultative Bodies

## Unity of Purpose Theme As Three Groups Meet

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan called for a "unity of purpose" this year among the diocese's three consultative bodies, at the joint meeting of the bodies Sunday.

He described the meeting, the first time the three councils have met jointly, as a "moment of blessedness in the diocese," which exhibited "a fine cooperative spirit."

He also admonished the councils not to be concerned with which is most important, "there is no value in that type of talk," he told the group.

Meeting at Nazareth College, nearly 100 delegates to the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC), the Diocesan Sisters Council (DSC) and the Priests Council (PC) heard the bishop and the respective council presidents.

Bishop Hogan noted that in looking over the past year, accomplishments have occurred, and there were several new beginnings in the diocese. Among those were the establishment of a continuing education program at St. Bernard's Seminary, and the Campaign for Human Development grant to the 14621 group, which he called "a very significant moment in our history" as an affirmation of the importance of neighborhood. He also noted the ministry to the divorced and separated, which is the "diocese responding with care, concern and love," he noted. The new stewardship program, "people sharing their time, their talent, and their treasure, with the Lord," is also important, he said.

He also noted that the diocese withstood tests during the past year, including the financial situation, busing in the city of Rochester, and he commended the efforts of St. Joseph's and St. Mary's hospitals in fighting for the continuation of their obstetric services.

A drive to reach the unchurched, an affirmation of the sacredness of life, and an emphasis on the importance of small communities are three directions for the future, the bishop told the council members.

Each council should ask "what have you done to foster the drive to reach the unchurched," Bishop Hogan said, including those inactive Catholics, those 18 to 25 years old, and those in a personal crisis.

"We affirm in word and deed the God-given sacredness of human life," Bishop Hogan emphasized. Fighting abortion "is not popular today," he noted, but the Church must continue the effort and initiatives must be broad, clear, and an affirmation of human life "at all stages. In addition to abortion, efforts must be made for the handicapped, the hungry, the aging, and to support human rights. Bishop Hogan applauded the efforts of the Justice and Peace Commission, which is "affirming the respect and dignity of everyone," regardless of the political system in which they live.

"Small and basic communities are the building blocks of our parishes and our society," Bishop Hogan noted, and need to be supported and strengthened. He also pointed out the need for increased support for families.

Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, DSC president, outlined the operations of the Sisters Council, noting the uniqueness of the DSC in that it includes several congregations and exhibits a cooperation among the sisters, with a respect for the traditions of each congregation.

Sister Barbara emphasized that social concern "has been an umbrella for council" actions during the past few years. As part of that concern, she noted, the council spent much time last year examining the Liberty and Justice for All program, inviting conference delegates to speak at council meetings.

For the future, she emphasized the need for a unifying effort, noting that "we are one Church," support for human rights, work on religious education, and an examination of the Church and the urban scene.

Father Louis Hohman, PC president for only five days, called for the three groups to look at their similarities.



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### Guest Speaker

Maria VanValkenburg, the first lay graduate of Nazareth College's religious education program, will conduct a catechetical Workshop at St. Theodore's School Hall, 170 Spencerport Rd., tonight at 7:30 p.m. Ms. VanValkenburg, who now works for the Our Sunday Visitor Press, will discuss the text book which will be used by St. Theodore's CCD teachers.

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