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## Sister Wintish Named Urban Ministry Head

Sister Mary E. Wintish has been named episcopal director of Urban Ministry for the city of Rochester, it has been announced by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

The first nun and the first woman to head up the urban ministry, Sister Wintish succeeds Msgr. George A. Cocuzzi as the director. Whereas he was a vicar, however, she will be episcopal director.

In making the announcement, Bishop Hogan noted that the Sister of Mercy "has been serving as the field coordinator for Msgr. Cocuzzi" and that she has been working in urban ministry since 1963.

Msgr. Cocuzzi left the urban ministry recently to become diocesan director for the permanent diaconate.

Bishop Hogan had praise for the monsignor's work. "During the past two years, Msgr. George Cocuzzi has served as urban vicar to 28 parishes in the city of Rochester. This role was carved out of the very apparent need for special services and visibility of the Church in our largest urban area. We are grateful to monsignor for the gifts and vision he brought to this ministry and for the dedication with which he served."

In her 15 years in urban ministry, Sister Wintish has been a teacher, administrator and field coordinator for the vicar of urban ministry. She has tutored at the Joseph Avenue Center run by the Sisters of Mercy. In 1974-75 she was assistant director of Project Upward Bound

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Photo by Susan McKinney

Just Two Weeks 'til Spring!

The crocuses are tardy, but the skiing is pretty good in the back yard. Here is Sister Mary Alice O'Brien gliding across the grounds of the Mercy Motherhouse on March 7, 1978.

## Diocesans Invited To Chrism Mass

By FATHER ROBERT KENNEDY

"The Prophet David sang of the life and joy that the oil would bring us in the Sacraments of your love."

With this joyful prayer, the Chrism is consecrated for use in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders, in parishes throughout the diocese during the year. Chrism, a mixture of olive oil and balsam, and the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick, are blessed by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan each year at the Chrism Mass.

This year the Chrism Mass

Because of the large number of people expected at this year's Chrism Mass, special parking arrangements have been made both at the Cathedral and elsewhere. The Cathedral parking lot may be entered only from the Clay Avenue entrance. When that lot has been filled, uniformed policemen will direct drivers to parking spaces nearby.



A container of oil used in the Anointing of the Sick.

will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, March 21 at 8 p.m.

The Oil of the Catechumens is used for those preparing for Baptism. Before they go to the font of life to be reborn, the candidates for Baptism are strengthened in their resolve to renounce sin and believe the Good News.

The Chrism is a sign of our consecration in Christ. Following the Old Testament usage of anointing prophets, priests and kings, Christians are anointed with Chrism at Baptism and become sharers in Christ's royal and prophetic priesthood.

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## Chaplain Plan Is Supported

**Priests: Yes, but . . .**

By JOHN DASH

The Priests Council last week endorsed, in principle, a recommendation that assignments of chaplains to health care facilities be made on the basis of a points system. Points are assigned a health care institution based on a number of factors including hospital size, Catholic population per 100 patients, whether or not the hospital is Catholic,

and ancillary services the hospital provides.

The system was devised by the Diocesan Association of Health Care Chaplains and has been under consideration by diocesan consultative bodies since January.

The council's action in endorsing the recommendation, which will now

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**Sisters: Yes, and . . .**

By JOHN DASH

Not only did the Diocesan Sisters Council give its unanimous support to the proposal from the diocesan chaplains' group for staffing health care institutions, but it also has written a recommendation to the pastoral office to encourage the "kind of creative thinking" that the chaplains' report represents.

sisters unanimously recommended both the formula the chaplains had devised and recommended its implementation.

The sisters also agreed that they would encourage, by letter, the method the chaplains had used to provide "fair coverage" of hospitals.

In other council action, the sisters unanimously supported a motion by Sister Christina Walsh to write as a body to Rep. Barber Conable regarding tuition tax relief legislation now in Ways and Means Committee.

On the question of Vicar for Religious, angry voices were heard at the council following Father Hoffman's report that the pastoral office feels the proposal, "cannot be dealt with at this time." "The diocese wants to continue dialogue on the

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## Pastoral Center Change

In his remarks to the Priests Council meeting last week at Becket Hall, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan noted that in the course of the recent revamping of the Pastoral Center into five divisions, the position of the bishop's administrative assistant no longer exists.

That position has been held by James Noonan.

"I didn't want to lose Jim's fine managerial skills," the bishop told the council.

Consequently, the bishop said, he has named Noonan as administrative assistant in Support Ministries for stewardship.

Father William Flynn is the director of support ministries.

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