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## BISHOP HOGAN'S 1978 AD LIMINA REPORT

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Dear Members of our Diocesan Family:

As the spiritual father of the household entrusted to my care, I rejoice in this opportunity to share with you this report on our growth as family in the last four years.

Our Chief Shepherd, the Holy Father, calls the Bishops of each diocese in the world to a regular accounting of his stewardship usually every five years. This is as it should be. This time-honored custom in the history of the Church dating back to the IV Century was eventually confirmed by law and became part of our present discipline in the early part of this century.

The report is called 'ad limina', that is, a pilgrimage 'to the thresholds' of the Apostles (the basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul). It includes an audience with Pope Paul VI and this written report presented to him.

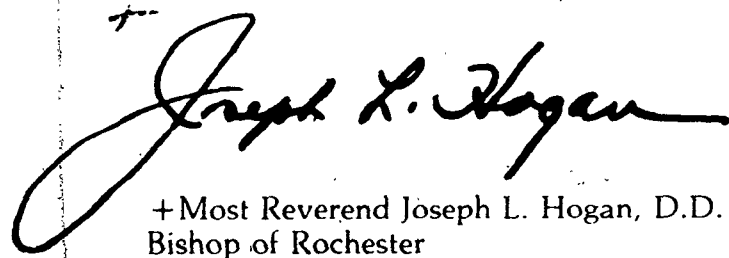
I will be making my pilgrimage on April 17 and will report to the Holy Father on April 20, together with the bishops of the eight dioceses of New York State which constitute Region II of our National Conference of Bishops. The report which I present represents the hopes and anxieties of the Church of Rochester. It is a positive statement of the many good things which have been accomplished and the many things which remain for us to do to promote the growth of the Lord's Kingdom among us.

Since you have shared so generously with me in the progress herein reported, it is only just and right that I share my joy and my hopes with you.

I echo the words of St. Paul to his beloved Community of Philippi: "I give thanks to my God every time I think of you — which is constantly, in every prayer I utter — at the way you have all continually helped promote the Gospel." (Phil. 3-5)

With deepest gratitude, I remain

Your Father in Christ,



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