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Pope Paul Meets Bishops

Pope Paul VI chats with Cardinal Terence J. Cooke, of New York, during recent audience with New York State bishops. Third to left of Pope is Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.

Disarmament To Be Topic Of Meeting

By MICHAEL GRODEN

Father J. Bryan Hehir, executive secretary of the Office of International Justice and Peace for the USCC, will deliver a speech on the upcoming United Nations special session on disarmament, Wednesday, May 31, at the Nazareth College Auditorium.

Father Hehir has been selected as a member of the Vatican's delegation to the special session. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., he has testified before the U.S. Congress on many issues in which the Office of International Justice and Peace has been involved, including the International Development Association (a multi-government funding program that provides loans for self-development projects around the world) and the documentation of aliens.

As executive secretary of the Office of International Justice and Peace, he reports directly to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) on the concerns of his office.

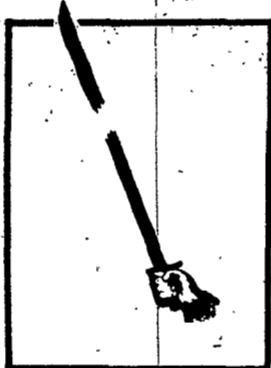
Father Hehir has visited Rochester before. In October, 1975, he addressed a clergy conference on the Church's Social Ministry.

The presentation "Reflections for American Christians" is being co-sponsored by the International Justice and Peace Commission, the Office of Human Development, the Mercy and Justice Committee of the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph Social Justice Committee, and the Rochester Peace and Justice Education Center. It will begin at 8 p.m.

The U.N. special session on disarmament, May 23-June 28, has been described by Religious News Service as an "unprecedented special session" which represents the latest hope for an end to the global arms race.

Religious groups throughout the country are now working to inform their members about the disarmament session.

Lourdes Perez-Albuern, coordinator for Rochester's Justice and Peace Commission, explained that letter explaining disarmament are being sent out to all pastors, associates, pastoral assistants and regional coordinators. The commission is also preparing a series of bulletin inserts which amplify what is going on in the area of disarmament, she said.



The disarmament question is also an important issue in the Vatican. In his January 1, 1978, general audience address, Pope Paul VI said, "We would like to be able to dispel this threatening and terrible nightmare by proclaiming at the top of our voice the absurdity of modern war and the absolute necessity of peace — Peace not founded on the power of arms that today are endowed with an internal destructive capacity (let us recall the tragedy of Japan), nor founded on the structural violence of some political regimes, but founded on the patient, rational and loyal method of justice and freedom, such as the great international institutions of today are promoting and defending."

Other disarmament meetings have failed to accomplish their goal, or to even reduce the number of nuclear weapons manufactured in the world. It is the hope of many religious leaders throughout the world that this meeting will have a different ending.

Permanent Diaconate Launched in Diocese

After several years of planning, the Diocese of Rochester has officially launched a program for the establishment of the permanent diaconate in the area.

Such a program, called for by the fathers of the Second Vatican Council and endorsed by Pope Paul VI, calls for the ordination of married and single men to a ministry of service in a variety of areas which, for centuries have been in the domain of ordained priests.

For this year, the deadline for applying to the program is June 15. Prospective candidates will be interviewed and screened during the summer months, and the training program will begin in September.

Among those duties for which permanent deacons in the diocese will be responsible are: administering baptism solemnly and

supplying the ceremonies which may have been omitted when conferring it on children and adults; reserving the Eucharist and distributing it to himself and others, to take it as Viaticum to the dying and imparting to the people benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with the sacred ciborium; assisting at and blessing marriages in the name of the Church by delegation from the bishop or pastor; presiding at the liturgy of the word and directing the worship and prayer of the faithful when a priest is not present; administering sacramentals; officiating at funerals and burial services; and teaching and directing sacred chant.

The deacon also reads the Sacred Scriptures, instructs and exhorts the people, preaches the word of God and teaches the elements of the Christian religion to children and other faithful.

The deacon, furthermore, plays a significant role in the social mission of the Church by promoting lay apostolic activity and acting in the name of the Church in works of charity and social assistance.

In this diocese, according to information from the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, deacons will especially be serving in "urban ministry, where minorities urgently need access to the ordained leadership of the Church of Rochester; one priest' rural areas, which often have sprawling parishes; and particular ministries, such as hospital ministry, prison ministry and youth ministry."

As the program is working here, it is open to any male, married or single, "at least 30

Fr. Reinhardt To Be Ordained

"God permit that my life be like a candle: that burns itself, spends itself and consumes itself, while there is still wax to burn."

This quote from Dom Helder Camara sets the theme for the ordination to the priesthood of Leo James Reinhardt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhardt of Rochester. The rites will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 5, in St. Columba's Church, Caledonia, where the ordinand has served as

deacon intern for the past year.

Father Reinhardt will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Columba's, at 5 the next evening. At 12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 7, he will celebrate Mass at his home parish, St. Boniface, and there will be a reception afterward in the church hall. On the following Sunday, at 9:45 a.m., Father Reinhardt

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