

New Pope

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sister, Nina, who lives in a neighboring village.

He has described himself simply as "poor and silent." And he has been depicted by others as a champion of the poor. An example of his attitude is provided by the fact that when he became patriarch of Venice he allowed parishes to sell their precious stones and give the proceeds to the poor.

He is seen as a theological conservative and he admits that during Vatican Council II he had a difficult time adjusting to the liberal directions generated.

Still during those proceedings during 1962-63 when most Italian cardinals

shunned the liberal ideas of the German and Dutch bishops, the future pope sat in on sessions with the progressive wing, perhaps in an effort to understand better their thoughts.

Although the choice of the individual was a surprise, the conclave otherwise was predictable in its choice of an Italian, a person in the middle, and one ostensibly ready to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor.

He is the first pope to have a double name and although he undoubtedly will expound on his choice in the future it would seem to be based either on his admiration for the policies of John and Paul or simply because they were friends.

The day following the election it was announced that

Pope John Paul would be enthroned, rather than crowned, in ceremonies slated for Sunday, Sept. 3, the Feast of St. Gregory the Great.

By making the distinction between enthronement and

coronation, it is believed that the new pontiff does not want to receive the triple crown of the papacy. As Patriarch of Venice, the new pope refused to wear the traditional bejeweled ring denoting that office.

Father Chef 12

Despite the inadequacies of his kitchen in the chaplain's quarters in Notre Dame High School, Father Richard Murphy maintains his reputation as a gourmet chef. More of a problem, he explains, is finding time for his cooking and for his other hobbies after completing his duties at Notre Dame and at Corning Community College.

'Friends' Organize 6

One of the more unusual organizations in the diocese is forming a Rochester chapter. The Society of Compassionate Friends, a group for parents who have lost children, is meeting monthly at St. Margaret Mary's Church. The society was founded in England by an Anglican priest, Father Simon Stevens, and is being encouraged here by Father Robert Smith, the new pastor of St. Margaret Mary's.

No Bus Funds 11

The Rochester School Board last week voted 4-3 to eliminate funds for busing Rochester pupils to private and parochial schools outside city limits. Although there had been a possibility that the funds, cut earlier from the board's budget, would be reinstated, the vote last week settled the matter.

Red Mass Set 8

Continuing an old tradition in the diocese, Catholic attorneys and judges will attend a Red Mass, marking the opening of the courts after recess, on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will be the principal celebrant of the rites in St. Mary's Church.

Regionalism Reviewed . . 11

The diocese is making plans to incorporate some changes in the regional structure of the local church. The changes are being considered in the light of a long-awaited report on the regional structure and how it is working, by Sister Ann Miller. RSM.

Girls Want Soccer 10

Those who coach it, watch it, and play it, all agree that soccer is fast becoming one of the top sports in the U.S. Proof of this were the 70 Mercians who turned out for Sister Cathy Pfleger's game trials last week. They all were there to make the team. The fact that eventually only 20 girls would be picked for varsity and junior varsity teams didn't dampen their enthusiasm for the sport.

Pastors Swap Jobs 7

Fathers Anthony Valente and Elmer Schmidt have returned to their respective parishes after 10 days in each other's job. They comment that they and their parishioners learned from the experiment, and that they would recommend such an exchange to other priests. Their experiences also served to point out the contrasts between the two parishes involved.

'It is necessary to know how to build on top of what exists, often being content with what we already have.'

—Cardinal Albino Luciani

Sunday Talks

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of Paul, for whom he chose his other name.

In his talk in the square and in one from the Sistine Chapel, televised earlier, Pope John Paul made the following points: **Christian unity:** "We want to continue the ecumenical effort that we consider the extreme legacy of our immediate predecessors. Mutual relations between churches of different denominations have made constant and extraordinary progress but division does not cease to be grounds for perplexity, contradiction and scandal in the eyes of non-Christians and non-believers, and this is why we intend to devote our well-weighed attention to whatever can favor union, without doctrinal yieldings but also without hesitation."

On world conditions: He urged international action against hunger, ignorance and "the blind violence that does nothing but destroy and spreads ruin and mourning."

Artificial birth control: Reiterated Church opposition, adding that families "may be defended from the destructive attitude of sheer pleasure-seeking which snuffs out life."

Priestly celibacy: He will "preserve intact the great Church discipline in the life of priests and believers."

The above statement, according to some observers, probably could also be applied to the issue of the ordination of women as priests.

No Real Surprise For U.S. Observers

Although the world at large was caught by surprise when Cardinal Albino Luciani was elected pope, two news magazines in the United States, Newsweek and Time, had named him as a possible contender in pre-conclave issues. Newsweek, for Aug. 28, went so far as to state: "Instead, (the cardinals) have settled — for the moment — on Cardinal Albino Luciani, the 65-year-old Patriarch of Venice, as their stalking horse in the initial round of voting."

Time, identifying Cardinal Giovanni Benelli as a potential "kingmaker" within the conclave, said that he was favorable to Cardinal Luciani.



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