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Bishop Joseph L. Hogan delivered a "state of the diocese" Sunday at a joint meeting of the three consultative bodies.

State of the Diocese Bishop Addresses Consultative Bodies

Speaking at the second annual joint meeting of the diocesan consultative bodies Sunday, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan said he was "happy to report that our cooperative efforts have been blessed in many ways ... entitling us to do some boasting in the Lord."

The bishop addressed some 100 members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Priests Council and the Sisters Council who were joined by Pastoral Center divisional directors and regional coordinators at Nazareth

Today, Nov. 1, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints. The Church obligates her members to attend Mass in observance of the celebration.

College's Otto A. Shults Center.

Bishop Hogan divided his talk in two parts — the first a progress report on the work of various diocesan departments, a kind of a state of the diocese message, and the second concerned with evangelization.

Bishop Hogan utilized three documents as background for his address — his pastoral letter *You Are Living Stones*, his *Focus for the Year 1977-78*, and Pope Paul VI's *Evangelization of the Modern World*.

Seated behind a table on the stage in the center, the bishop began the second half of his address by describing evangelization as "preaching by word and by deed the full gospel of hope and salvation to everyone."

He told the members of the three consultative bodies that "the blessed Lord gave a mandate to His apostles — and we're all apostles — that evangelization is at the heart of our mission. If we're not involved in evangelization of the world then the Church is dead."

The bishop stressed that "everyone is in need of evangelization, including myself and everyone here."

Because the job is so big, the bishop suggested that it go on at several levels and he feels that the most important of these is "person to person." He said there are also parish programs and a national ministry to accomplish the task.

He said that the social and spiritual ministries are but "two sides of the same coin ...



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Members of the consultative bodies listen to the bishop's talk.

the emphasis has to be on both" to reach the unchurched.

To reach the unchurched, however, the bishop said the main job is up to the laity.

"Not more structures, not more buildings, not money, evangelization needs people with ideas and dedication" to be successful, the bishop said.

The bishop closed this

portion of his address with an emotional reminder of the "34 days of an alleluia person who preached the great message of the Kingdom that it is a joy to

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Pope John Paul II embraces Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński during a reception Oct. 23 for Polish pilgrims enroute home after having attended investiture ceremonies for the first Polish pope in history. As the 77-year-old primate of the Polish Catholic Church began to kneel before the 58-year-old pope, John Paul raised the cardinal up and clasped him warmly. The crowd gave them a standing ovation. (RNS)

Pope Keeping Busy

Vatican City (RNS) — Developments were many during the first few days of the administration of Pope John Paul II and though they ranged from the significant to the routine they nonetheless have given some sign as to the tenor of his future direction.

At the close of his first general audience last Wednesday, the new pontiff asked some 100 bishops present to join with him in imparting the papal blessing.

In announcing this unusual move, the Pope explained that he wanted the joint blessing to be a sign of the collegiality (unity of Pope and bishops), which he said, "especially after the Second Vatican Council contributes evermore to the strength of the Church and the people of God."

Adding still another note of novelty to a papal general

audience, the Pope asked all present in the Nervi Hall to join with him in singing the "Pater Noster."

Because so many were on hand the audience was divided in two. The Pope addressed one group in St. Peter's Basilica, then went over to the Vatican's huge modernistic Nervi Hall, where he spoke to the second group.

Though he delivered his main discourse — on the virtue of "prudence" — in Italian, he gave brief summaries of it in German, French, English, Spanish and Polish.

Speaking in English, the Pope mentioned that his predecessor had spoken about the first three theological virtues, faith, hope, and charity, and that "today, John Paul II presents himself to you, for the first time. I wish to continue the outlines of my

predecessor and speak to you about the cardinal virtues, the first of which is prudence."

"To be prudent," said Pope John Paul, "does not mean — as it is often interpreted — that one know how to arrange one's life in such a way as to extract the maximum amount of profit from it. Rather, it means being able to construct one's life according to the voice of true conscience, according to the needs of a just morality."

In other developments:

The Pope started what many feel may be a shakeup of the Vatican bureaucracy when he dismissed Cardinal Pericle Felici as president of the Commission for the Interpretation of Second Vatican Council Decrees.

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