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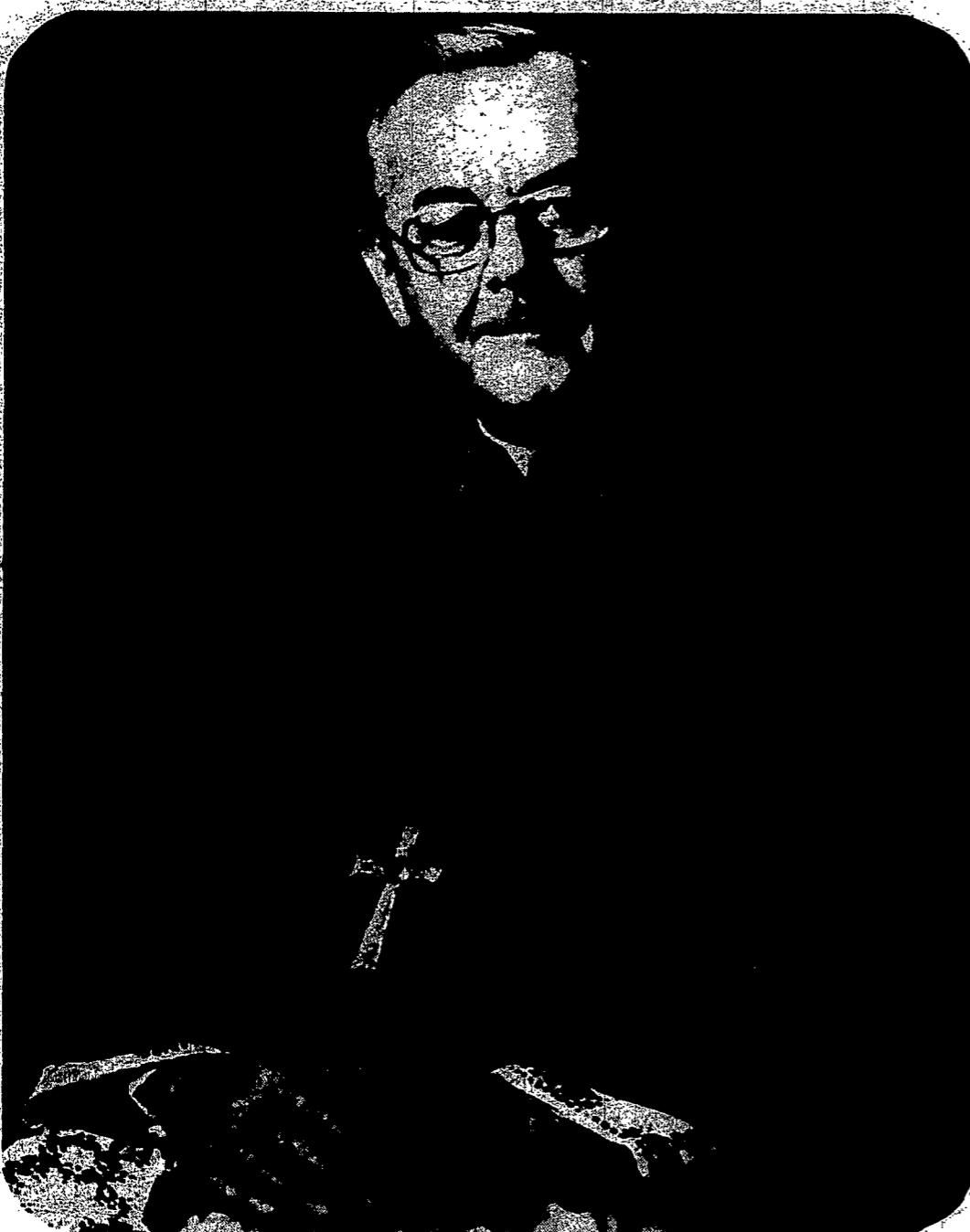
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BISHOP HOGAN RESIGNS



BISHOP JOSEPH L. HOGAN

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan yesterday (Nov. 28) announced his resignation as the seventh bishop of the Rochester diocese. He cited "continual deterioration of my health" as the reason.

In a letter accepting the resignation, Archbishop Jean Jadot, the Apostolic Delegate to the United States, said that is the desire of Pope John Paul II that Bishop Hogan "serve as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Rochester until your successor takes possession of the see."

At present, there is no indication who the next bishop will be, when his selection will be announced, or what method of selection will be utilized.

Bishop Hogan, 62, announced his resignation, which was timed at his request to coincide with the ninth anniversary of his ordination as bishop, at a press conference yesterday morning at the Pastoral Center on Buffalo Road.

"In recent years it has become clear to me that my health will no longer permit me to lead the Rochester diocese in the manner I think it deserves," Bishop Hogan said in his statement of resignation which he read to the press. "For that reason I have submitted my

resignation to the Holy Father. A letter from my doctors was included with the resignation stating that my health will not permit me to continue as the bishop of the diocese."

Bishop Hogan submitted his letter of resignation on Sept. 15 to the then Holy Father, Pope John Paul I. On Nov. 16, he was informed by letter from Archbishop Jadot that Pope John Paul II "has graciously accepted the resignation ... the official announcement ... will be made at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28."

The statement from the bishop's doctors which was included with his resignation said that "X-ray studies in 1974 revealed chronic fibrotic lung changes bilaterally with emphysema. These changes together with his stressful occupation have resulted in an elevated hematocrit. In 1977, Bishop Hogan contracted a right middle lobe pneumonia which took seven to eight weeks to resolve. This year he again developed a more severe middle lobe pneumonia with marked shortness of breath for which he is still under our care."

Bishop Hogan referred to the report from his doctors at the press conference yesterday saying, "That is the medical terminology. Frankly I just feel exhausted."

Bishop Hogan will serve as Apostolic Administrator until a new bishop is chosen. Who

the new bishop will be and when he will be announced are both matters of speculation at this time.

Bishop Hogan was born March 11, 1916, in Lima, son of Michael and Mary Shaw Hogan. His father died in 1945 and his mother in 1971, about a year and a half after he was consecrated bishop in 1969. She was the guest of honor at the consecration, sitting in the front row and personally greeting Cardinal Terence Cooke and the other dignitaries present.

Bishop Hogan's brother, Father Michael Hogan is pastor of St. Mary's in Corning. He has another brother, Daniel of Rochester, and three sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Brooks and the Misses Phoebe and Mary Rose, all of Lima.

After his ordination to the priesthood by Bishop James E. Kearney in 1942, the future bishop was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Elmira, his first assignment.

He recalled that assignment "fondly" at the ordination of deacons which took place last Fall at the same church.

At the time of the bishop's consecration as ordinary of the diocese, the St. Mary's bulletin reminisced about its one-time assistant.

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Bishop Hogan's Statement

At his ordination, a bishop is questioned before his people on his resolve to keep the faith and discharge his duties. He states his willingness to assume this unique leadership position in the Church.

Nine years ago this week I was called to serve the Church of Rochester in this way. I accepted the role of pastor for 360,000 Catholics in some 160 parishes spread over 12 counties.

These nine years included some critical times for all Catholics and I can attest that my task has been a real challenge. I chose as my motto: "Gladly will I spend and be spent." Today, with a sense of accomplishment and gratitude, I can look back

on these nine years, and know the deepest meaning of those words.

In recent months it has become clear to me that my health will no longer permit me to lead the Rochester diocese in the manner I think it deserves. For that reason, I have submitted my resignation to the Holy Father. A letter from my doctors was included with the resignation stating that my health will not permit me to continue as the bishop of the diocese.

In my letter to Archbishop Jean Jadot, the apostolic delegate to the United States, I indicated that my health has been deteriorating and that I felt it would be an injustice to the people of the diocese for me to continue in my

present position.

Pope John Paul II has accepted my resignation effective Nov. 28, the ninth anniversary of my ordination as bishop of Rochester. The Holy Father has asked me to serve as Apostolic Administrator until my successor takes possession of the see.

I am very grateful for Archbishop Jadot's expression of concern for my health, for his kind words of commendation for my service and for his understanding of my situation.

My doctors' statement to the archbishop explains in medical terms my state of health: "X-ray studies in

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At the recent meeting of the nation's bishops in Washington, D.C., Bishop Hogan conferred with Cardinal Terence Cooke, left, and Archbishop Jean Jadot, the apostolic delegate, in right photo.