

Bishop Hogan Over the Years



Bishop Resigns

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bulletin reported, "took credit for the appointment." He declared that he "picked out a fellow with long legs and big feet who will be able to cover a lot of territory on the Southside."

"The kids spotted him on the first Saturday," the bulletin continued, "and ran breathlessly to announce to their parents, 'We saw the new priest and is he nice.'"

Before his ordination, during his student days at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, his above-average accomplishments in studies earned him the nickname "Ack" for academic, a sobriquet he still carries along with "Doc" in recognition of the Doctor of Sacred Theology he received after graduate studies in Rome's

Pontifical University Angelicum in 1949-51.

Following a three-year tenure in Elmira, the young Father Hogan taught Latin and Social Studies at St. Andrew's Seminary until 1949 when he received a Master's degree at Canisius College in Buffalo before going on to studies in Rome.

He returned to St. Andrew's Seminary in 1951 to teach Latin and Religion. In 1953 he was named principal of DeSales High School in Geneva.

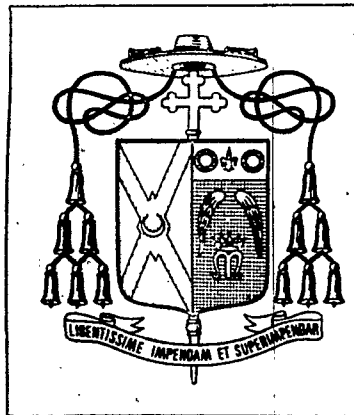
In their yearbook, the Class of 1955 at DeSales, wrote to their principal, "We only regret that we will no longer be able to enjoy your delightful sense of humor. It is our sincere hope that the underclassmen will long have the opportunity of benefiting by your magnetic presence at DeSales."

Father Hogan, however, himself was to leave DeSales that year to join the faculty at St. Bernard's Seminary. For the next years he would be professor of Fundamental Dogma, dean of studies and professor of Catechetics there. He also was professor of Theology at St. John Fisher College and of Ascetical Theology at the Sisters of St. Joseph Novitiate.

In 1965, he was named the first rector of Becket Hall where he was to serve until 1967. During his time there, in 1966, he was named to the rank of domestic prelate with the title of right reverend monsignor by Pope Paul VI.

Except for his Elmira appointment, his entire official service to the Church had been in academics until 1968 when he was appointed pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church in Irondequoit. That same year, his predecessor, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, named Msgr. Hogan one of his official diocesan consultants.

When Bishop Sheen decided to retire as Rochester's sixth bishop he hand-picked Msgr. Hogan to be his successor. This was announced on Oct. 15, 1969 and the installation of Bishop Hogan as ordinary of the diocese took place on Nov. 28, that same year.



What Is Apostolic Administrator?

BY BISHOP JOHN E. McCAFFERTY

The Apostolic Administrator is the person to whom the government of a diocese is sometimes entrusted when a see is vacant or the bishop is for one reason or another (e.g. temporary ill-health, an interim assignment, captivity, etc.) impeded from fulfilling the work of his office. It has become the practice of the Holy See in recent years to appoint a bishop whose resignation has been accepted "Apostolic Administrator" until a successor takes possession of his office.

The jurisdiction of the Apostolic Administrator is determined by his letter of appointment or, if no specifics are given for an appointment during a vacancy, the Administrator's rights and duties are the same as that of a simple administrator chosen by the diocesan consultants. (Canon 315) If the Apostolic Administrator is a bishop, he has the same privileges of honor given to titular bishops. (Canon 368)

After the resignation of a diocesan bishop or ordinary is accepted by the Holy See, the diocese is juridically vacant and the Administrator may initiate no innovations or take any action which prejudices the rights of a diocese or the future bishop of the diocese. (Canons 435 and 436)

Statement

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1974 revealed chronic fibrotic lung changes bilaterally with emphysema. These changes together with stressful occupation have resulted in an elevated hematocrit (elevated blood volume).

"In 1977," the statement continues, "Bishop Hogan contracted a right middle lobe pneumonia which took seven to eight weeks to resolve. This year he again developed a more severe right middle lobe pneumonia with marked shortness of breath for which he is still under our care."

That is the medical terminology. Frankly I just feel exhausted.

Anyway, the doctors recommended that I should retire and I concur.

As for the future, I hope to remain with you. I will not be involved in any committees or administrative tasks but I hope to spend much time ministering to the sick and the elderly. I, of course, will be at the command of the new bishop. I will be available for service to the diocese as he sees fit.

Looking back, just for a moment, over the past nine years, a dramatic renewal in the life of the Church can be seen. This has been indeed true in our diocese. We often have been in the fore in efforts to present a prophetic vision of the Church. At times we have suffered with the growing pains of the Church but we have always fostered a Christian hope and optimism.

May I be personal? I will always be grateful to the auxiliary bishops and to the priests and sisters who have struggled with me through these days of growth. And please convey my personal gratitude to the thousands of lay people who have met the challenges of so many new roles. Tell them I love them.

And I would like to express a word of gratitude to my family who have been a constant source of support and help to me.

And before I close, let me thank you, all of you, men and women of the media who have been so kind to me. Thank you for communicating my hopes. Thank you for caring enough to be here with me today.



Bishop Hickey:

The recent death of Pope Paul VI made us realize in retrospect how effective he had been in implementing Vatican II in the universal Church. The retirement of Bishop Hogan makes us conscious of his calm but untiring

efforts to bring the blessings of the same Council to the Diocese of Rochester. I shall ever be grateful for the inspiration of his vision of Church and for the privilege of participating in his ministry of renewing the Church of the Diocese of Rochester.

Bishop McCafferty:

I am sure that all the diocese is grieved to hear that Bishop Hogan's health has forced a decision to relinquish his office. The years he has held office have not been easy for any man charged with the leadership of a diocese. These have been contentious times and he is a peace loving man. He suffered great internal agony when many of his efforts to implement consultation resulted in confrontation.

The year 1978 seems destined to be marked in our local Church history as the time when we have had three popes and two bishops — a time of unexpected transitions and, therefore, a precarious time. I am confident that the Holy

Spirit who unfailingly guards the Church will give us the strength to press forward the saving ministry entrusted to us by Christ with whom we are forever united. The present is a time for prayer and reflection and in our reflection we must credit fully and generously the efforts of all our human leaders and resolve to work at whatever personal cost in building on the proud heritage of our local Church.

And in our prayers we shall forever keep the welfare of Bishop Hogan, who offers his not inconsiderable talent to the service of our Church of Rochester. We hope that he shall within the next year find again the vigor of good health.