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PROCESS BEGINS

The process is under way to construct a profile of the man to replace Bishop Joseph L. Hogan who resigned as Rochester's seventh bishop Nov. 28 because of ill health.

A questionnaire prepared by the Selection of Bishops Committee has been mailed to all priests, sisters and brothers of the diocese as well as to all members of the three consultative bodies — Diocesan Pastoral Council, Priests' Council and Sisters' Council — and to a large sampling of the laity,

selected at random. A percentage of imprisoned, deaf, native American, black and Hispanic (using a questionnaire translated into Spanish) also will be sampled.

Those participating have been cautioned that the returns must be received by Dec. 15 or else they will be voided.

After the results are received, hearings will be scheduled involving each of the 10 diocesan regions. Anyone with an interest can attend such hearings.

Bishop Hogan, who was

named by Pope John Paul II as apostolic administrator of the diocese upon his resignation as its bishop, urged all participating to be mindful of the importance of the questionnaires.

"By identifying the needs of the diocese and the type of person best suited to meet them, those taking part in the survey will be rendering great service to the diocese and to the Church. I ask all filling out the questionnaires to give them their full, serious and prayerful consideration.

"I also want to remind

everyone that the questionnaires must be sent prior to Dec. 15 or they will not be tabulated.

"And for those not taking part directly I ask their prayers to the Holy Spirit so that they will be participating indirectly.

"I have even asked the Liturgy Office to come up with a special prayer campaign and have been assured that it will be ready for announcement in next week's Courier-Journal."

Father James Marvin,

chairman of the selection committee, stressed the importance of participants returning the questionnaires before the Dec. 15 deadline. The returns will be computerized at the diocesan Office of Planning and after the regional hearings, a report will be sent to the apostolic delegate in Washington. The results of the survey will be published in January in the Courier-Journal.

The questionnaire seeks to determine the type of man best suited to this

diocese's particular needs. It is not to raise any particular names.

A copy of the form is published in this week's centerfold so that all may be aware of the type information being sought. Readers are reminded that the form appearing in the newspaper is for informational use only and not to be returned. We advise that readers who wish may fill out it out and compare their views with the consensus which will be published in January.

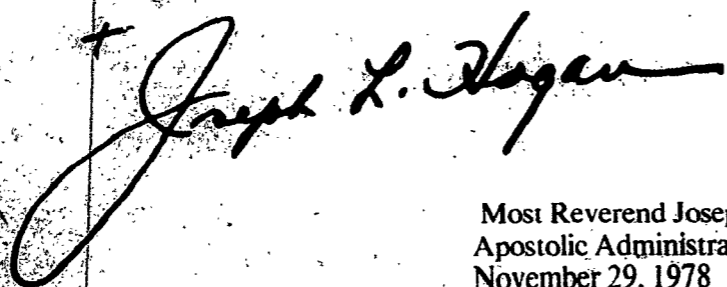
Protocol during Vacancy Of the See of Rochester

1. When a diocesan See becomes vacant through the resignation of the Ordinary, the person named Administrator fills simply a custodial role. No major decisions or long-range planning can be undertaken until the installation of the new Bishop. Since I will be Administrator after Nov. 28th, my activities will be accordingly limited. Although I feel considerably improved after my illness, my health is still such a serious factor that I am delegating Most Rev. Dennis W. Hickey to handle all the day-to-day administrative matters which will emerge until my successor assumes the office of the Ordinary of the Diocese of Rochester.

2. As Administrator I will officially recognize and work with the Pastoral Office Board of Directors with its present goals, directions and processes.

3. The directives of the Holy See indicate that the Council of priests ceases to exist when the See is vacant "unless in special circumstances to be reviewed by the Holy See, the Apostolic Administrator confirms its existence." In view of the instructions of the Apostolic Delegate, the Priests' Council and the other consultative bodies will be continued for the sole purpose of participating in the Selection of Bishops process. The diocesan planning process will continue through the Ministerial Review Committee.

4. The Regional Coordinators (deans or vicars forane) will continue as the pastoral presence of the diocesan Church in their respective areas and will continue their usual administrative tasks. They also may be called on for assistance in the Selection of Bishops Process.



Most Reverend Joseph L. Hogan
Apostolic Administrator
November 29, 1978
Rochester, New York

The Chance to Help The Needy, The Lonely

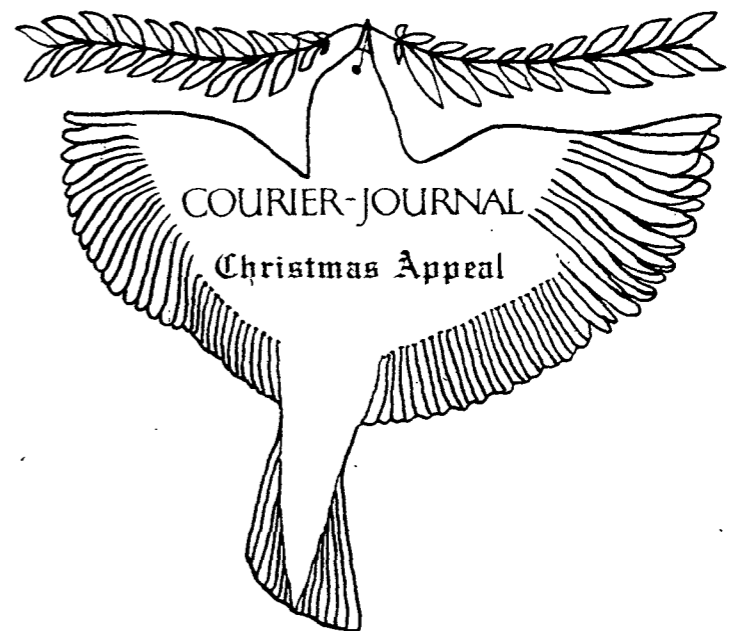
Each of the stories in the accompanying column is true. To protect the dignity of the individuals and families whose tales are told, some identifying information is left unrevealed.

In each story is an invitation for us to ease the burdens of our fellow diocesans, to advance the Kingdom of God.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, writing last year at this time, observed:

"Wherever and whenever in this diocese men and women struggle to increase the integrity, gentleness, love, fidelity, goodness, truthfulness, justice, mercifulness in our world and in our history, Christ the Liberator is alive and active, taking away the sins of the world. This is the living Christ whose human birthday we will soon celebrate. This Christ is the Advent of the Kingdom of God: the gentle, redeeming lamb through whose life, death and resurrection God has chosen to deliver us, His poor people..."

For the past ten years, the Courier-Journal in conjunction with diocesan Catholic Charities, has offered diocesans a means through which they can relieve some of the sufferings of those most in need, in the Courier-Journal Christmas Fund.



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All donations to the fund go directly to those most burdened by financial troubles. None of the money is used for administrative or start-up costs.

In addition, whatever money is not distributed at this time is held in a reserve fund to help persons and families in crisis situations throughout the year.

Readers may contribute

to individual cases, but because some may receive a great deal of attention and others none, the administering agencies must use their expertise to help as many as possible.

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