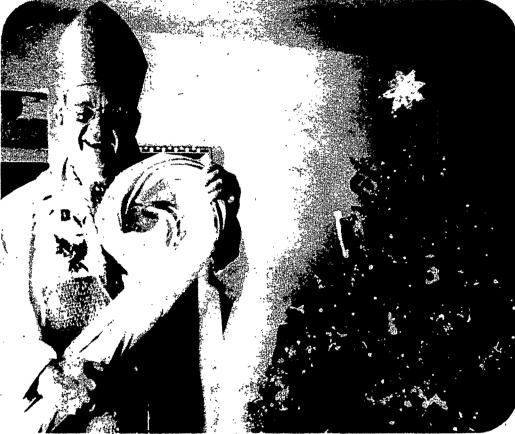
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Sweeter Reign

Photo by Susan McKinney

Among Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's presents was a candy cane "crozier" from Father William J. Amann, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy parish. Father Amann gave the giant cane to Bishop Hogan as a symbol of a "sweeter reign in the years to come." Bishop Hogan said the candy will go to the children at the School of the Holy Childhood.

#### Bishop Selection to Be Discussed by Regions

Diocesan regional coordinators at upcoming regional meetings will discuss the type bishop best suited for this diocese with members of the Selection of Bishops Committee.

Anyone can attend the regional meetings to observe the process to determine the qualities for a bishop said Father John Mulligan, a member of the Selection of Bishops Committee.

The diocesan consultative bodies also have scheduled meetings to discuss the process.

The schedule of meetings (with snow dates in parentheses):

Sisters Council, 9 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, St. Joseph's Motherhouse. 4095 East Ave., Rochester (Saturday, Jan. 27, snow Yates-Ontario-Wayne Region, I p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, St. Mary's School gym, N. Main and Brooks, Canandaigua, (Saturday, Jan. 27, snow date).

Cayuga-Seneca Region, 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, Holy Family School, 101 E. Genesee, Auburn, (Saturday, Jan. 27, snow date).

Tompkins-Tioga. Region, 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, Immaculate Conception, 317 N. Plain St., Ithaca (Sunday, Jan. 28, snow date).

Chemung-Schuyler Region, 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, St. Patrick's School gym, 210 W. Clinton, Elmira. (Sunday, Jan. 28, snow date).

Livingston-Steuben Region, 4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14, St. Mary's School Hall, 36 E. Morris, Bath. (Sunday, Jan. 28, snow date)

North Region, 7:45 p.m., Monday, Jan. 15, St. Andrew's School Hall, 901 Portland Ave. (Monday, Jan. 22, snow date).

Priests Council, 1 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, Becket Hall, 75 Fairport Road, East Rochester. (Tuesday, Jan. 23, snow date).

Southwest Region, 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, St. Theodore's, 168 Spencerport Road, Rochester. (Tuesday, Jan. 23, snow date).

Northeast Region, 7:45 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17, St. Ambrose Church, Dailey Hall, 31 Empire Blvd., Rochester. (Wednesday, Jan. 24, snow date)

Northwest Region, 7:45 p.m, Wednesdsy, Jan. 17, Sacred Heart Cathedral Hall, 296 Flower City

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### A Papal Plea for Peace:

## World Leaders Told: Arms Race Wrong, Prisoners of Ideologies' Must Be Freed

By PAMELA MENDELS (RNS Correspondent)

John Paul II has appealed to all levels of society, and in particular to the world's government leaders, to do everything possible to bring lasting peace on earth.

In a 20-page message released here on Dec. 21, to mark the World Day of Peace on Jan. 1, 1979, the pontiff declared:

"The true spirit of peace must make itself felt in particular at the level of the statesman and of the groups or centers that control, more or less directly, more or less secretly, the decisive steps either towards peace or towards the prolonging of wars or violetice."

Strongly denouncing the arms race, the Pope insisted that "recourse to arms cannot be considered the right means for settling conflicts."

Pope John Paul's message, like the World Peace Day messages made by his predecessor, Pope Paul VI, will be sent to leaders around the world.

Pope Paul established the day 11 years ago, and on July 18, 19 days before he died, he chose the theme "To Reach Peace, Teach Peace," for this year's observance.

Pope John Paul's message, which was presented to the press by Cardinal Bernardin Gantin, president of the Vatican Commission for Justice and Peace, was divided into three main parts: A Hard Task,

Education for Peace, and The Specific Contribution of Christians.

It was in the second part of the message that the pontiff made in appeal to political leaders to free themselves from oppressive ideologies.

Open up new doors to peace," he said in the subsection addressed to statesmen. "Do every thing in your power to make the way of dialogue prevail over that of force. Let this find its first application at the inward level: How can peoples truly foster international peace, if they themselves are prisoners of ideologies according to which justice and peace are obtained only by reducing to impotence those who, before any examination, are judged unfit to build their own destinies or incapable of cooperating for the common good?"

Cardinal Gantin said the pope was citing "all ideologies which negate religious liberty, such as Marxism, and all that go contrary to the sense of Christianity." The African prelate said the pope probably also was referring to fascism, racism and colonialism.

In his message the pontiff also asked statesmen to refrain from using religion as an incitement to violence. "Renounce the utilization of legitimate and even spiritual values at the service of conflicts of interests, values which are then brought down to the level of these conflicts and make them more unyielding," he said.

Pope John Paul condemned the arms race, in which, he said, Economic and commercial interests lead to the establishment of arms stockpiles or to the sales of weapons capable of appalling destruction."

"The arms race," he continued, "prevails over the great tasks of peace which ought to unite peoples in new solidarity. It fosters sporadic but murderous conflicts and builds up the gravest threats."

The pope urged statesmen to "make gestures of peace, even audacious ones, to break free from vicious circles and from the dead-weight of passions inherited from society, (and) then patiently weave the political, economic and cultural fabric of peace. Create — the hour is ripe and time presses — ever wider areas of disar-

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FATHER FENNESSY

#### Father Fennessy Dies at 71

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated yesterday, Jan. 2, for Father Robert H. Fennessy at Holy Cross Church, where he served as pastor for more than 22 years.

Father Fennessy died at St. Mary's Hospital on Dec. 28, 1978. He has been retired from his pastorate for three years.

The son of the late

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