



Bishop Hogan is shown here at last week's press conference.

## Bishop-Elect to Be Ordained May 27

"I rejoice today," said Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, as he announced last Wednesday at a press conference that Father Matthew H. Clark had been appointed his successor as ordinary of the See of Rochester.

"I can't tell you," he told reporters later on, "how good I feel today."

The new Bishop of Rochester will be ordained May 27 in Rome by Pope John Paul II. (On Friday, Bishop Hogan announced that arrangements were

being made for the installation to take place June 26 in the Dome Arena.)

In answer to questions, he reminded the newswriters that he himself would be teaching this Fall at St. John Fisher College and that he wished to spend time on "pastoral matters, things very close to my heart... the lives of the elderly, the lonely, the sick."

He assured the reporters that there would be no difficulty with an "outsider." He told them about a committee that had studied

the needs of the diocese and postulated the character and experience of the man who might best deal with them. There was no indication in their recommendations, he said, whether an "outsider" or an "insider" might be preferred, and "and it seems to me that Father Clark is the committed person whose qualifications are very, very well."

The new bishop is known to several diocesan priests from their student days at St. Bernard's, or at Gregorian University in Rome. Bishop Hogan had him in class at St. Bernard's, but he does not assume that he knows the man, these twenty-odd years later.

"I am told," Bishop Hogan reported, "that he is a calm man, but that he is ready to confront, when confrontation is needed."

The men and women representing the news media asked the bishop about the "issues" that his successor would have to confront, and whether the "deeply spiritual" man that had been described would be able to deal with the "issues."

"We have to be grounded in prayer," Bishop Hogan replied. "The man who is

deeply spiritual is, therefore, deeply sensitive to the needs of his people."

He rounded up the "issues" under one heading: respect for life — "from the moment of conception to the tomb."

"Respect for human dignity," he said, "for the poor, the oppressed, the imprisoned... The Church always has had to deal with the same problems, in different ways in different ages."

"There is no issue in this age or any other that does not have moral overtones."

He said he had reason to believe that Bishop Clark would share his point of view, and then he declared "I can't tell you how good I feel today."

### Bishop Hogan:

## 'I Rejoice Today'

Following is the statement which Bishop Joseph L. Hogan gave on May 2 to representatives of the local news media.

I rejoice today in sharing with you the good news that my successor has been appointed as the 8th Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester - a diocese whose history dates back to 1868 when Bernard J. McQuaid was appointed as its first bishop. Our new bishop is a priest of the Diocese of Albany - 41 years of age (4 years younger than the one who pioneered our pilgrimage in this diocese). He is Father Matthew H. Clark, presently the Spiritual Director of the students who are preparing for the priesthood at the North American College in Rome.

When I announced my retirement on November 28 this past year, I promised my loyalty and support to whomever would be appointed to succeed me as spiritual leader of the Church of Rochester. Yesterday in a telephone conversation with Bishop-elect Clark I assured him of my promise.

He will be ordained a bishop on Sunday, May 27, by Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. I shall be there along with a delegation from this diocese to celebrate his reception of the fullness of the priesthood.

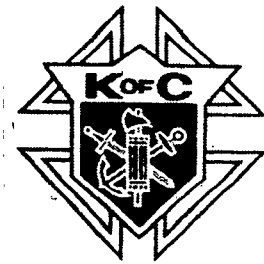
I have known for some time that Father Clark has been a candidate for the episcopal office - a man highly regarded by the Bishops of Albany and of the New York Province of Bishops.

He spent two years of his priestly preparation at our own St. Bernard's Seminary. It was my privilege to have been one of his professors. He asked me to express his best wishes to the people of the Church of Rochester. I pray that the Lord will bless him and that his years among us will be many and fruitful.

### Previous Bishops

- Bernard J. McQuaid . . . . . 1868-1909
- Thomas F. Hickey . . . . . 1909-1928
- John F. O'Hern . . . . . 1929-1933
- Edward Mooney . . . . . 1933-1937
- James E. Kearney . . . . . 1937-1966
- Fulton J. Sheen . . . . . 1966-1969
- Joseph L. Hogan . . . . . 1969-1978

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**DEAR BISHOP-ELECT,**

We take great joy in being able to address you, as our Bishop. Yet, as you receive the mantle of the Apostles in these troubled times, we realize your cross will be heavy. Allow us to be your Simon in carrying any burden you desire.

Our prayers, talents and labors are freely given to you on this, the greatest occasion of our life.

Your servants in Christ,

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