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## Matthew H. Clark Is Ordained Our Bishop



Pope John Paul II imposes his hands on the head of Bishop Matthew H. Clark, ordaining him to be Bishop of Rochester.

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Vatican City — Bishop Matthew H. Clark was ordained to the episcopacy in colorful ceremonies lasting more than four hours in St. Peter's Basilica here Sunday.

Some 8,000 people filled the world's largest church to view the ordination Mass with Pope John Paul II the principal celebrant.

Twenty-five other bishops were ordained, including Bishop Thomas Larkin, a native of Mt. Morris, who will become the ordinary of the St. Petersburg diocese.

Bishop Clark will be installed as the eighth bishop of Rochester at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 26 at the Community War Memorial.

Two other Americans were among the ordinands — Auxiliary Bishop William R. Houck of Jackson, Miss., and Bishop John O'Connor of the U.S. Military Ordinariate.

In all, the bishops represented 13 nations.

Many Rochesterians were on hand for the ordination, including the official diocesan delegation headed by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, who resigned as ordinary last Nov. 28 because of illness. Others in the delegation were Auxiliary

Bishops John E. McCafferty and Dennis W. Hickey; Brother Brian Walsh of the Diocesan Pastoral Council; Sister Mary Jean Smith of the Sisters Council; Father Louis Hohman of the Priests Council; the Rev. Margretha Brown of the Genesee

### This Issue

Because of the extraordinary event of Bishop Matthew H. Clark's ordination in Rome at the hands of Pope John Paul II, the Courier-Journal publishes this special issue, delayed by one day to bring you photographs and stories from the Holy City.

Ecumenical Ministry; Father Charles Latus, secretary to Bishop Hogan, and Father William Flynn, chancellor.

They and the other thousands who filled the basilica on the warm, sunny afternoon witnessed a great display of pomp as the Holy Father, assisted by Cardinals Justo Garcia and Alfio Rapisarda, raised the men to the episcopate.

Bishop Clark was assisted by two deacons from the North American College where he has been spiritual director. Mr. Joseph Busch of Albany and Joseph Lehmann of Richmond, Va., took part in the ceremonies at the confessional of St. Peter

The bishops were ordained in the order of the announcements of their appointments as bishops. Bishop Clark whose appointment came May 2, was 23rd in the procession.

The Mass began with a procession of the men about to become bishops along with cardinals and bishops present and of course highlighted by the appearance of John Paul II who drew thunderous applause as he walked down the center aisle in the huge basilica.

The common comment running through the worshippers was how robust the Holy Father looks.

The Sistine Choir sang hymns as background for the procession entrance which preceded the Mass.

Love was the theme of the three readings — the first said in Spanish, the second in English and the Gospel said in Latin by the Holy Father. His homily was delivered in Italian.

"God is love" was the theme of the reading in English which must have pleased Bishop Clark who has chosen "His love endures forever" as his motto.

The ordination took place.

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