

# Relaxing Before Ordination

Vatican City — You are about to become a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a beautiful sun-splashed Sunday in Rome and in just three hours Pope John Paul II himself will conduct the ceremony making you and 25 of your brother priests bishops.

What do you do?

If your name is Matthew H. Clark, you take it easy. Go out for coffee with your Mom, Mrs. Grace Clark from Waterford, who is in town for the big event. Your friend, Father Thomas Powers from Cohoes, just north of Albany goes along

Afterwards, you leaf through the latest telegrams of

congratulations from your new diocese and just kind of putter through things.

Then you take a nap.

That is the kind of day Bishop Clark put in Sunday before the colorful rites in St. Peter's Basilica.

"Nervous?" someone asked.

"Surprisingly, not at all," he said. "In fact, I'm very calm about the whole thing."

Among the recent mail from Rochester was a spiritual bouquet from St. Jerome's in East Rochester.

Congratulatory telegrams arrived from the Rochester

diocesan Council of Conciliation, the Campus Ministry and from St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield.

Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany, a longtime friend of the new bishop stopped by to lend Father Clark his pectoral cross for the ceremonies. And Father Powers dropped in.

It seemed appropriate that these three close friends, should spend these last few minutes before the ordination together. Camaraderie. Chit chat.

Then Father Clark decided to take a nap. He would spend these last few hours before assuming the episcopacy alone with God. — Viglucci.



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Bishop Hubbard lends Bishop Clark a pectoral cross.



The crowds in the square for Pope John Paul's excursion.

# Pope Is 'Hale and Hearty'

Vatican City — Everything they say about Pope John Paul II is true.

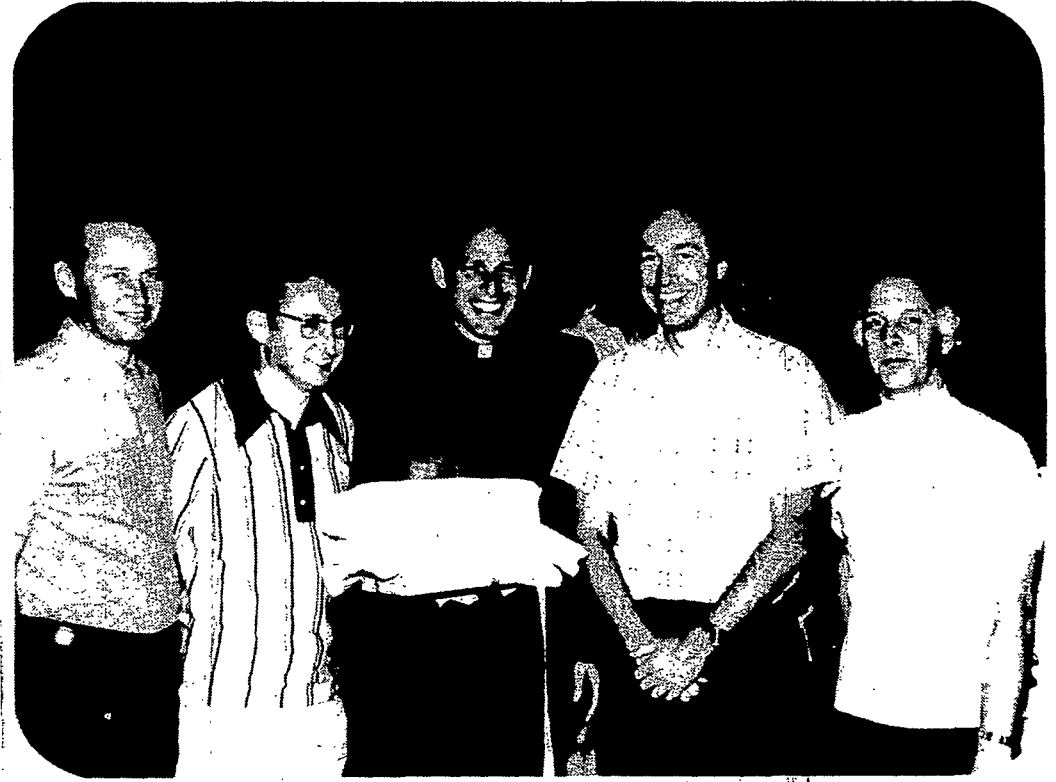
Before giving a special audience last Saturday in St. Peter's Square to Italy's

Children Catholic Action, the Holy Father rode standing in the back of an open car through the milling throng of some 30,000 in the square. He made the trip twice, to reach and touch as many out-

stretched hands as possible. The pope is rosy-cheeked and appears hale and hearty. And he was having such an obviously good time with the crowd that it rubbed off on all. — Viglucci.



The crowd in the square.



Bishop Clark shows his episcopal accoutrements to friends from the U.S.



Pope John Paul greets pilgrims.