

**Ordination** 

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In left center of picture, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan embraces Bishop Clark. To their right, facing away from the camera, are Bishop Howard Hubbard of Albany and the Rochester Auxiliary Bishops Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty.

Photos by Anthony J. Costello

# Consultative Leaders, Bishop Clark Confer

Rome — Bishop Matthew H. Clark met with the leaders of the three diocesan consultative bodies here last Tuesday.

The private meeting lasted about half an hour and Brother Brian Walsh, president of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, reported that the meeting was "positive" and "open."

Father Louis Hohman, president of the Priests Council, and Sister Mary Jean Smith, president of the Sisters Council, also attended the meeting with the new bishop.

Sister Mary Jean said, "I am absolutely filled with hope. He seems a very caring person and I think he will provide excellent leadership for the diocese. I look forward to working with him."

Brother Walsh said that he sees a "very positive sign in the fact that we asked for the meeting and we asked our questions. Later, he asked us questions. He said communications is a twoway process and the meeting showed that."

"In addition, he gave us a charge. He told us to inform our membership that although he is eager to begin his work here Church protocol requires that he come to the diocese as close as possible to the date of installation," Brother Walsh said.

"In all, he was extremely open and supportive."

Sister Mary Jean concurred about the communications process. "He



From left, Sister Mary Jean, Bishop Clark, Brother Walsh, Father Hohman.

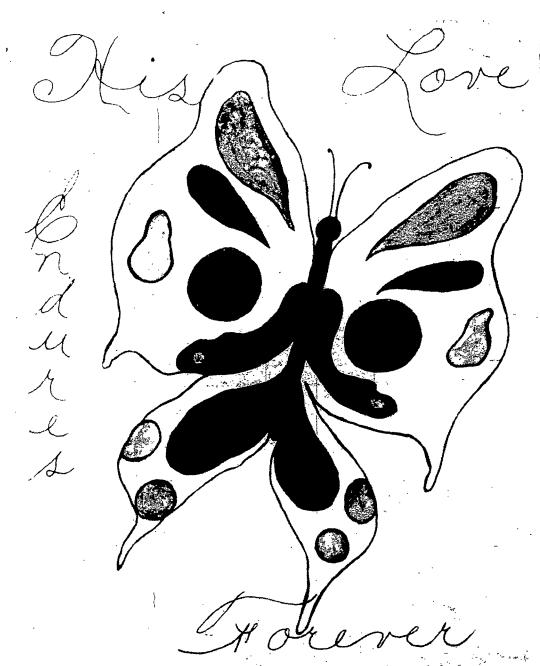
has a real concern about keeping communications

Giving her personal impression of the new bishop, the head of the

Sisters Council said, "I found a new magnetism. I expected to admire and respect him but not to love him so soon. I feel very hopeful that he will do a good job in a position that is

almost hijmanly impossible."

"There is no question that he will work with and support all three of the diocesan consultative bodies, she added.



## Spiritual Bouquet

This is the cover of a spiritual bouquet message sent to Bishop Clark by the student body of St. Jerome's School in East Rochester. The message stated that the faculty, students and staff of St. Jerome's School "congratulate you, welcome you and assure you of their continued prayers as you work to spread the Good News of His love."



Father Charles Latus who will be Bishop Clark's secretary, presents him with a poster extolling the business virtues of Monroe County.

### Secretary

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In his ministerial career, Father Latus has served at Blessed Sacrament Parish, as diocesan director for the Commission on Ecumenism and Interreligious Affairs, at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (both as associate pastor and

later as copastor), prior to his appointment last June as Bishop Hogan's secretary.

Father Latus also presently serves as vice chancellor of the diocese.

### One Native To Another

Nathan M. Goldberg of Albany, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., sent a letter of congratulation to Bishop Matthew H. Clark soon after his appointment was announced. Goldberg had met Father Clark last February at the North American College in Rome.

"I was greatly impressed

by your achievements at the college," Goldberg wrote, "and I'm proud that such a high honor has been conferred upon you."

Goldberg offered congratulations on behalf of the organization he heads, and added his personal good wishes "as one native of the Capital District to another."

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