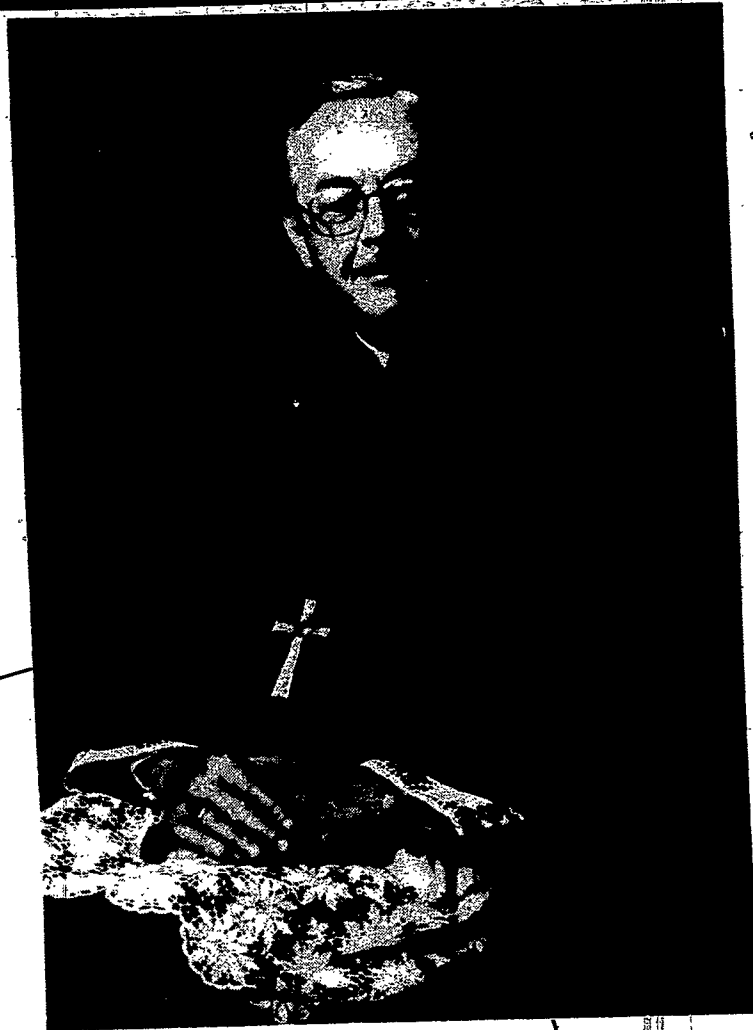


Bishop Hogan Shares His Joy

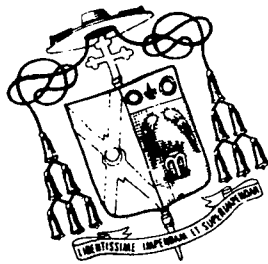


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My dear friends of the Churches of Rochester and Albany:
My heart overflows with joy and gratitude on this great day for all of us as we install a native son of the Church of Albany as the eighth bishop of the Church of Rochester.

We thank God for all the gifts that he nurtured in Matthew Clark through the common path of His providential influence - good parents, family teachers and friends. We of Rochester welcome Bishop Clark with open arms and with hearts lifted in prayer as he becomes our shepherd and our teacher.

It was a day of great privilege for me to have witnessed his ordination as a bishop last month in St. Peter's and to have imposed hands on him as a sign of my unity with him and of my personal love and affection for him. I have already pledged him my loyalty, devotion and affection and I repeat it now publicly as he begins his mission among us which is his pledge that he will be for us a daily reminder that the Lord's love for us endures forever.

Bishop Clark, you are now my bishop and my friend, I promise you that my love for you will endure forever. If the prayerful support of the Church of Rochester, which has sustained me during my nearly 10 years as bishop, continues in like measure to support you (and I have every assurance that it will) the burdens of office will rest lightly upon you.

I join my family gathered for your installation in the prayer of the psalmist: "Prosper the work of his hands, mind and heart, O Lord."

With the blessing of a grateful father in Christ, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Joseph L. Hogan
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