

# First Parish Mass To Be Celebrated At the Cathedral

Bishop Matthew H. Clark's first parish Mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral at 1 p.m., Sunday, July 1, it has been announced by Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, cathedral rector.

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## Bishops Resolve Social Actions Through Conference

A highly important apparatus for mobilizing the Church's resources was established in 1917 under the title of the National Catholic War Council. Its name was changed to National Catholic Welfare Conference several years later, but its objectives remained the same; to serve as an advisory and coordinating agency of the American

bishops for advancing works of the Church in fields of social significance and impact — education, communications, immigration, social action, legislation, youth and lay organizations.

The forward thrust of the bishops' social thinking was evidenced in a program of social reconstruction they recommended in 1919. By 1945, all but one of their twelve points had been enacted into legislation.

### Bishops Counted

According to the Anuario Pontificio, 1976, (the year-book of the Holy See), there are 2,359 bishops throughout the world with Asia having 264; Oceania, 56; Africa, 307; Europe, 782; South America, 474; North and Middle America, 476. They serve approximately 705 million Catholics (an estimated 18.3 per cent of the total world population).

The NCWC was renamed the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) in November, 1966, when the hierarchy also organized itself as a territorial conference with pastoral-judicial authority under the title, National Conference of Catholic Bishops. The USCC is carrying on the functions of the former NCWC.

The new bishop of Rochester will be led to the episcopal throne in the cathedral by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and Bishop McCafferty who will con-celebrate with Bishop Clark.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral choir will perform, under the direction of Judy Bowman. The choir will be augmented by the choir from St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street, at which parish Bishop Clark has taken temporary residence. Sister Margaret Caufield is director of that choir.

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Youth Group also will participate in the Mass.

Bishop Clark will greet members of the congregation after the Mass.

Bishop McCafferty stressed that the 12:30 Mass is being scheduled for 1 p.m. for that one week only. The normal schedule will be resumed thereafter.



### The Chair

The Bishop's Chair at Sacred Heart Cathedral is being readied for Bishop Matthew H. Clark. The chair, in ancient days, was called the "cathedra," a Greek word meaning throne or elevated seat. The contemporary term cathedral stems from this word. The term cathedra also was applied to the diocese of a bishop. The cathedral, because of the presence of this chair becomes the bishop's church, the place wherein he presides, teaches and conducts worship for the whole local Church. From Scripture through the Fathers the cathedra has been used as the principal symbol of authority.



"All Bishops are consecrated not just for some one diocese, but for the salvation of the entire world. The Bishop must stimulate, promote and direct the work for the missions in his diocese, so that ultimately the whole diocese becomes missionary."

**Decree on the Mission Activity of the Church**

Vatican Council II, Pope Paul VI  
December 7, 1965

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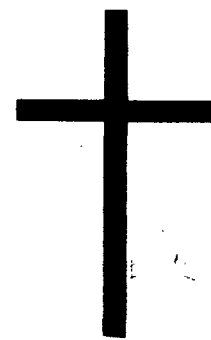
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