

Apostolic Delegate's Office: A Communication Center

By Joan Smith

The Apostolic Delegate is the Pope's representative to the bishops of a particular country. In this case, it is Archbishop Jean Jadot, appointed Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. by Pope Paul VI, May 22, 1973, and who now represents Pope John Paul II.

The appointment made the archbishop (a native of Belgium) the first non-Italian papal envoy to the U.S. Catholic Church. Previous to this appointment he served as Pronuncio Apostolic in the Cameroons and in Gabon, and Apostolic Delegate in Equatorial Guinea, Africa, 1971-73; Pronuncio Apostolic in Thailand and Apostolic Delegate in Laos, Malaysia and Singapore, 1968-71. He holds a Ph.D from Louvain University and studied at the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Malines-Brussels.

The office of the delegate represents the Church as a spiritual institution and is recognized as an official agency similar in aspects to the International Red Cross or the Organization of American States. Occasionally there is contact with government along diplomatic lines but the contact is always religious in nature.

As the Pope's representative, all Vatican communications flow directly through Archbishop Jadot's office to the U.S. bishops and he in turn, conveys their interests, needs and concerns to the Holy See. Basically, this



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Apostolic Delegate

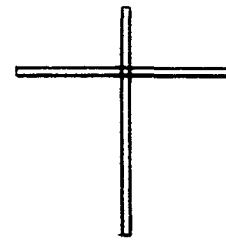
is the main job of the office and it involves voluminous written as well as verbal communications with congregations, the hierarchy, the conference of bishops, conference of religious and many other Church groups and agencies.

A particular instance where all the office's communicative powers were put into play was in the recent selection process for the new bishop of Rochester. First, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's letter requesting retirement was sent to Archbishop Jadot to be forwarded to Rome. Then the

delegate relayed to Bishop Hogan the pope's official acknowledgement and acceptance of his request. From there, all diocesan input regarding the selection and especially the results of a profile questionnaire were relayed through the delegate's office to the Vatican, where, after evaluation a final decision was made in naming Bishop Matthew H. Clark. And on Tuesday, June 26, in his capacity as Apostolic Delegate, Archbishop Jadot was a main participant in ceremonies at the War Memorial installing the Bishop of Rochester.

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and
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on the day of your
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**Bishop
Matthew H. Clark**



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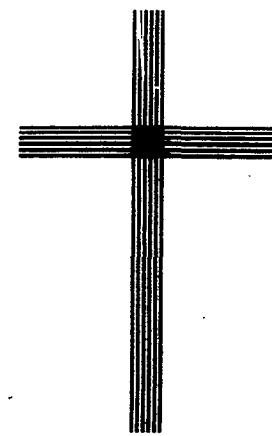
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