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DELEGATIO APOSTOLICA
in Civitatibus Foederatis Americae Septentrionalis

D E C R E T U M

Decreto a Sacra Congregatione pro Episcopis iam edito, incoeptaque Apostolicarum sub plumbo Litterarum expeditione de Excmo ac Revmo Domino MATTHAEO CLARK ad residentialem sedem ROFFENSIS in AMERICA promovendo, Ssmus Dominus Noster IOANNES PAULUS Divina Providentia Papa Secundus, per tramitem eiusdem Sacrae Congregationis pro Episcopis, benigne indulget ut, non obstante adhuc inexpleta praefatarum Litterarum expeditione, memoratus Excmus ac Revmus Dominus MATTHAEUS CLARK possessionem canonicam Diocesis ROFFENSIS in AMERICA valide et licite capere possit, cum id cleri populi magis in bonum cedat, servatisque ceteris de iure servandis.

Contrariis quibuscumque minime obstantibus.

In quorum fidem praesens Decretum manu Nostra subsignavimus ac sigillo Nostro rite munivimus.

Datum Washingtonii, ex Aedibus Delegationis Apostolicae, die undevigesima mensis Iunii, anno millesimo nongentesimo septuagesimo nono.

J. Joannes Jadot

Archiepiscopus Zuritanus
Delegatus Apostolicus



Above is the Apostolic Mandate which Bishop Clark presented to the diocesan consultors. It is written in Latin and signed by Archbishop Jean Jadot, the apostolic delegate to the United States. Below is the English translation.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATION
in the
United States of America

A Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Bishops concerning the promotion of the Most Reverend Matthew Clark to the residential See of Rochester in America having already been published, and the transmittal of Apostolic Letters pertaining thereto, under seal, already being under way, His Holiness John Paul II, by Divine Providence Pope, has graciously consented that notwithstanding the uncompleted transmittal of these Letters, the aforementioned Most Reverend Matthew Clark may validly and licitly take canonical possession of the Diocese of Rochester in America at any time most advantageous to the clergy and people of the Diocese.

Anything at all to the contrary notwithstanding.

In faith of which we have signed the present Decree with our hand and impressed it with Our Seal.

Given at Washington, from the Offices of the Apostolic Delegation on the 11th day of June 1979

It Became Official at:

11:16 A.M.
June 25,
1979

By Carmen J. Viglucci

At 11:16 a.m., Monday, June 25, Bishop Matthew H. Clark officially became the shepherd of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

Directly from his airport press conference, Bishop Clark went to the Cathedral to present the apostolic mandate proclaiming his appointment to the board of consultors of the diocese.

Father William J. Flynn, diocesan chancellor and board of consultors secretary, read the mandate in English from its original Latin.

"His Holiness John Paul II by Divine Providence Pope," read Father Flynn, "has graciously consented that ... Most Rev. Matthew Clark may validly and licitly take canonical possession of the Diocese of Rochester in America at any time most advantageous to the clergy and people of the Diocese."

The letter was dated June 11 and signed by Archbishop Jean Jadot, the apostolic delegate to the United States.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, who resigned as ordinary of the diocese because of poor health last Nov. 28 and who has served as apostolic administrator since, announced the time as 11:16 a.m. and those present gave a short round of applause.

Bishop Clark, assuming the presidency of the meeting, then made his first official act a request for a prayer. He then asked all the consultors to continue in their responsibilities for the time being. All agreed.

A formal motion was made by Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty that Bishop Clark become president and treasurer of the diocese and it was passed unanimously.

At the meeting in addition to Bishops Clark, Hogan, McCafferty and Father Flynn were consultors Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, Fathers Michael F. Conboy, Emmett J. Halloran, L. John Hedges as well as Father Charles J. Latus, secretary to Bishop Clark.



Photo by Anthony J. Costello

Four Rochester bishops stop at the official bishop's chair during a short tour of the Cathedral on Monday, June 25. From left, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, Bishop John E. McCafferty, Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Bishop Joseph L. Hogan.