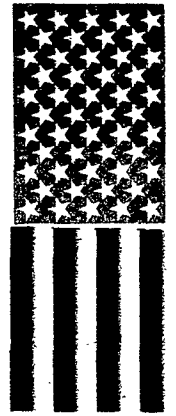


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## The Job Begins

Bishop Matthew H. Clark strides out into his new role as ordinary of the diocese following the installation Mass June 26 at the War Memorial in Rochester. This week's centerfold includes other photos of the event and the reception that followed.

## Priests Council Delays Election

By Michael Groden

The Diocesan Priests Council voted to hold its regular election for age block representatives before September, rather than extend the terms of members for another year as did the Sisters Council, June 19. The Diocesan Pastoral Council, as yet, has made no decision on its terms of office, shortened by the retirement of Bishop Joseph Hogan. After the age block election the council will choose its officers and begin the 1979-80 year with a meeting on Sept. 11.

The regional representatives to the council have another year to serve before their terms expire.

In other business, the Priests Council discussed Bishop Matthew Clark's wish to meet with the priests of the diocese and passed a resolution that the council's standing committees be "renewed."

Council members also adopted a resolution which thanked Bishop Joseph Hogan for "all Bishop Hogan has accomplished for the people, religious and priests of the diocese . . ."

During discussion on the future meetings with Bishop Clark, each of the 16 priests in attendance voiced his opinion on how the meetings might be conducted.

The majority of the council agreed that the meetings should be small informal gatherings with no set agenda so that Bishop Clark could voice his hopes and plans for the diocese and get to know his priests better.

Council members also discussed the standing committees. Father Neil Miller explained that the purpose of the standing committees was to keep council members up to date on different areas of ministry and he felt that the committees were not doing so. He cited the need for better communication with the diocesan Justice and Peace Commission as an example, especially in regard to the current Nestle boycott which the Justice and Peace Commission supports. Father Louis Hohman agreed with Father Miller saying that the boycott is a very complex issue and wanted all the facts before he would come out for the boycott.

The council resolved to "revive" the standing committees and encourage each committee to report to the council regularly.

After the resolution on the standing committees was passed Msgr. Richard Burns moved to formally recognize Bishop Hogan for his nearly 10 years of service to the diocese.

In addition to thanking the bishop for his service, the resolution approved unanimously, said that they "pledge our constant remembrance of him in Masses, and prayers asking that God bless, preserve and strengthen him."

At the end of the Priests Council meeting Father Hohman read a letter he sent to Bishop Clark as president of the Priests Council. Bishop Clark had requested the heads of all three consultative bodies

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## Hogan Center Dedicated

Not only retired, but indeed memorialized before his time, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan looks well pleased as he emerges from the Continuing Education building at St. Bernard's Seminary; the Bishop Joseph L. Hogan Center for Continuing Education, that is. The name was changed at an Evening Prayer service June 18. This photo of the retired bishop shows also Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, a member of the board of trustees, and Father Frank E. Lioi, seminary rector. Both took part in the dedication service, along with Friedrich J. Grasberger, board chairman, and Mrs. Eleanor L. Hamilton of the advisory committee. Joseph G. Kelly, continuing education director, gave the homily.

## Pope Lauds Salt II Agreement

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II, in a special comment on the eve of the signing of the second Soviet-American strategic arms limitation treaty, praised the treaty as a step in the right direction, saying he hoped it would eventually lead to disarmament.

It is not unusual for the pope to make brief references to political matters of international import during his regular Sunday noon message to people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the recitation of the Angelus.

But on Sunday, June 17, he devoted almost a third of his message to the SALT II agreement, calling it "an event which cannot help but be at the center of our prayers."

"Tomorrow, Monday, June 10," the pontiff began, "the second accord on the limitation of strategic arms, called SALT II, will be signed in Vienna by the highest authorities of the major nuclear powers (President Jimmy Carter and Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev).

"The accord is still not a reduction of armaments or, as would be hoped, a provision for disarmament. But this does not mean that the measures foreseen should not be greeted with satisfaction, with the desire to pursue a dialogue, without which every hope to work effectively for peace could vanish."

The pontiff went on to say that "believers," as well as "men of good will" cannot "ignore the importance of anything which favors a climate of easing tensions and (encourages) other, indispensable steps on the path to the limitation and reduction of arms."

He asked for prayer in order that "the great cause of renouncing arms might make progress along with the pursuit of honest, stable, and effective agreements based on the premise of reinforcing harmony and more just relations among peoples."

In a front-page editorial (June 10), the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, echoed the sentiments of the pope.

"Among the signs of the times which comfort man in his hope for peace," said the editorial, "this year has given us, after the Middle East accords (between Egypt and Israel), the signing by the representatives of the two major world powers of an important document on the path towards disarmament."

## Bishop Sets Date With Sheen Unit

Bishop Matthew Clark is scheduled to address the annual meeting of the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation, and the public is invited to attend, Georgia De Gregario, president, announced this week. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 5, in the Marise of St. Louis Church, 46 S. Main St., Pittsford.

The foundation is the official diocesan agency that "expresses the Church's concerns regarding housing for the poor and disadvantaged," the president noted.