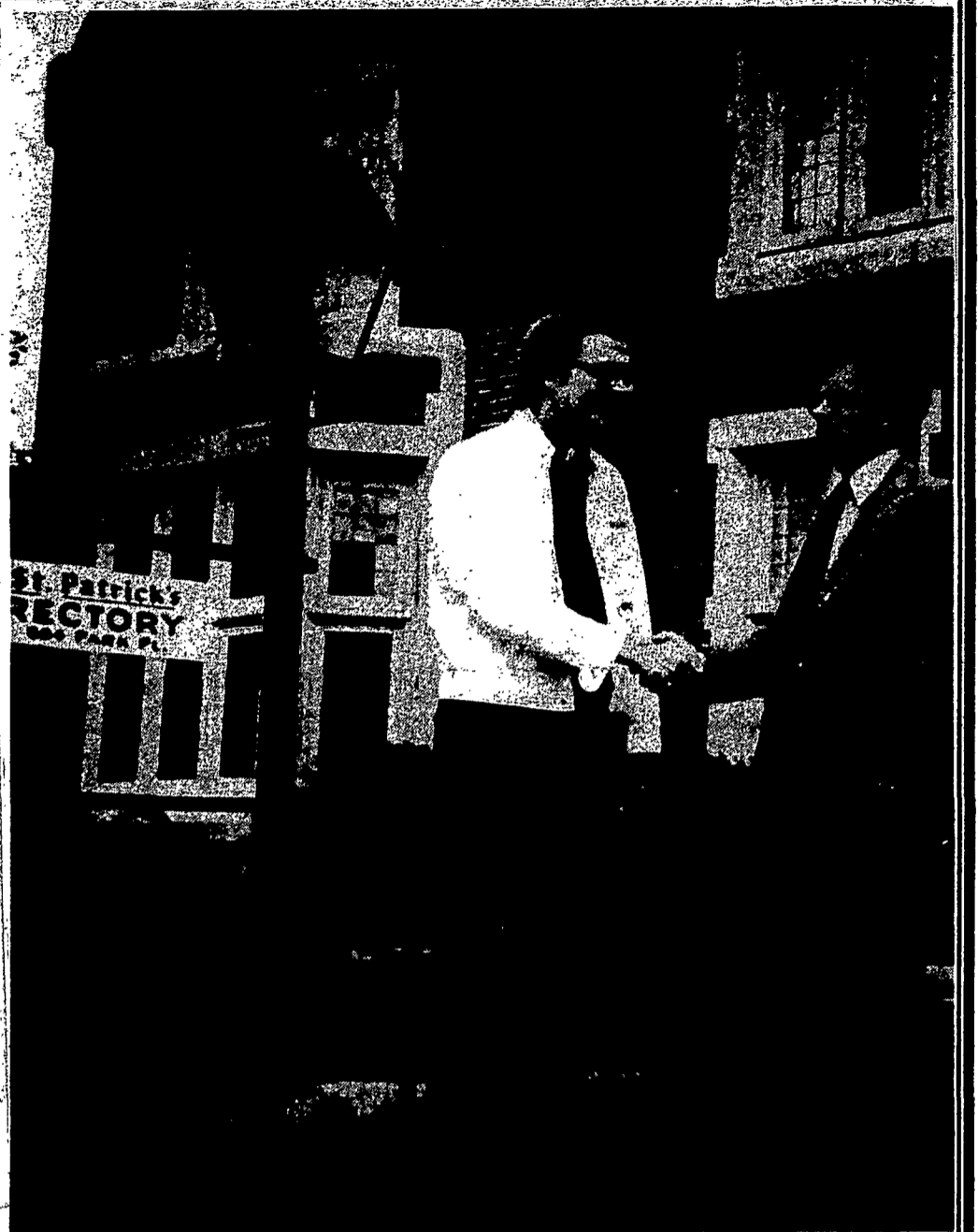


A COURIER-JOURNAL Welcome To The Southern Tier



Martin Toombs at right extends a warm hand of welcome to Father Daniel Holland, just named pastor at St. Patrick's in Elmira.

A Joyful Experience

Since that September day three years when the Courier-Journal decided to replace its part-time coverage with a full-time editor in the Southern Tier, readers have become familiar with the logo gracing their page.

And it has not been just regular subscribers to the Courier-Journal. Our specialized coverage has attracted the attention of other media in the area, which often report on Church events the day after our editions.

Since 1976, it has been our pleasure to have devoted more than 200 pages of news and photos to the Southern Tier, Auburn and Geneva areas.

While much of this has been in trying to keep up with the many activities of the diocese, parish or individuals, it also has included coverage of controversial health care and school issues.

It has included reporting on the visions at Wyalusing, Pa., talks by national figures at Cornell University, the pits at Watkins Glen. From stories inside two local correctional institutes, to a family camp in Candor, to a camp for handicapped children in Painted Post, the Courier-Journal has been on the scene.

But our main job in reflecting life in the diocese, is the coverage of diocesan and parish events. And even more important to show involvement of the great number of people of God in those activities, from kindergartener to regional coordinator to bishop.

Such work is our responsibility. And our joy.

From the Editor

In the Fall of 1976, the Courier-Journal decided to assign a full-time staffer to cover the Church, the people and the many activities of the busy and beautiful Southern Tier portion of the diocese.

Once this decision was made, the next step was to find someone capable of handling the responsibility. We did not have to look far for on our staff was Martin J. Toombs. Marty had joined the Courier about a year earlier and his work was impressive.

Besides that, this Waterloo native had reason to know something about the area — he was a graduate of Ithaca College (1974) and had taken graduate courses at Elmira College.

In addition his work at the Courier showed us that Marty had the maturity and responsibility to do the proper job for the people of the Southern Tier. In September of 1976 he became our first, full-time editor for the southern portion of the diocese.

Our reaction and feedback from the Southern Tier indicates that Marty has done the job. In no way that does this mean that this job is finished, or that we have been perfect. But we feel we are on the road to continued improvement in service to the Southern Tier.

And we take some small pride in being the first diocesan department to establish a full-time staffed office in the Southern Tier. For one thing, it gives Martin Toombs the distinct pleasure of being right in the place to say to others, "Welcome to the Southern Tier."

The Good News

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