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Diocese Tops List Of Mission Givers

According to figures released last week, the Diocese of Rochester, per capita, gave more money last year to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith than any other in the U.S.

\$3,621 per Catholic. The diocese is 29th in rank for Catholic populations. In addition, Rochester was seventh on the list of the 25 dioceses who contributed most to the society, higher than such cities as Los Angeles, New Orleans, San

Francisco and Philadelphia. The figures were revealed in the course of a two-day meeting of directors of the societies in New York. Bishop Matthew H. Clark and Father Joseph Reinhart attended the event in New York City.

Pope's England Journey Marked Several 'Firsts'

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II met Monday with President Ronald Reagan. The meeting came in the midst of a busy time for the pontiff. Not only had he just wrapped up an extensive pilgrimage through England and Scotland, but plans are now near completion for him to travel to Argentina on Friday.

first time that a reigning pontiff had set foot in England. Both he and Archbishop Robert Runcie, primate of the Church of England, prayed for Church unity together in an unprecedented ceremony, further building bridges over the 400-year-old rift between Rome and the Church of England.

visit she had made at the Vatican, and discussed the differences between the Churches with Rt. Rev. John McIntyre, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Following that last meeting, Dr. McIntyre said that the pope had "redrawn" for many people in Scotland — meaning the Presbyterian majority — the whole "character and nature of the papal office."

The pope's British tour included several firsts. The entire occasion marked the

The pontiff also met with Queen Elizabeth at her residence, repaying a similar

Nuns' Coalition Slams Hatch Bill

Chicago — A coalition of women religious which claims 1,800 members has decried the support given by the nation's bishops for the Hatch Human Life Amendment.

abortion in principle and in practice, we are likewise convinced that the responsibility for decisions in this regard resides primarily with those who are directly and personally involved."

The Hatch Amendment does not categorically ban abortion, but allows individual states to pass laws regulating the practice.

The National Coalition of American Nuns, in a statement approved last April by its board of directors, said, "While we continue to oppose

Also while he was in Scotland, the pontiff occasioned protests from firebrand Rev. Ian Paisley and his followers. Those protests included vandalism, arson and anti-papal slogans.

As on other papal journeys, Pope John Paul drew for the most part, however, wildly enthusiastic crowds of well-wishers in Scotland.

The pope could barely be heard for the applause and cheering from 250,000 Scots at Glasgow's Bellahouston Park.



Photos by Terrance J. Brennan

Signs Of Celebration

More than 250 area Sisters of Mercy joined last Sunday, June 6, to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the order's existence in Rochester at a Mass of Thanksgiving at Old St. Mary's Church, downtown. Above, Bishop Matthew H. Clark accepts the offertory gifts from Sisters Mary Florence Sullivan, center, order archivist, and Mary Judith Heberle, past superior general. Right, Sister Rosemary Sherman interprets the Mass for the deaf in attendance. The site of the celebration was significant because it was the location of the first motherhouse in 1857. Following the Mass, a reception was given at the current motherhouse on Blossom Road.



Death Claims Father Hickey, Pastor Emeritus, Palmyra Church

Auburn — Funeral rites were celebrated Monday and yesterday, at St. Mary's Church for Father William H. Hickey who died Friday, June 4, 1982.

Father Hickey, pastor emeritus of St. Anne's Parish in Palmyra, and a native son of St. Mary's here, had been ill for many years.

He was born in 1927, attended St. Mary's School, Holy Family High School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

He was ordained June 6, 1953. His first assignment was to St. Stephen's Parish in Geneva and as chaplain at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

In 1957, he was named chaplain of St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, where he also taught psychology, ethics and religion. At that time he also lectured in ethics at Alfred University.

He was associate pastor of



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Holy Rosary Church in 1965; and in 1969, he was named associate at Annunciation, a post he held until 1972, when he was named pastor of St. Anne's, replacing Father John Healy who had died suddenly.

He was injured in an automobile accident in 1977, after several years of innovative leadership in the parish. The accident marked

the beginning of his physical decline.

He resigned the pastorate because of his health, and was named associate pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Rochester.

His health continued to deteriorate, and he took up residence at St. Ann's Home where he died Friday.

Father Hickey is survived by his mother, Genevieve Mulligan Hickey of Auburn; three brothers, John J., Paul F.X., and David L.; two sisters, Mrs. Paul (Miriam) Herrling, Mrs. Thomas (Genevieve) Gibson; two aunts, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Father Hickey is remembered in Palmyra for a number of accomplishments during his brief pastorate:

The parish council was enlarged, many of the buildings were renovated, the cemetery was maintained and

a committee developed to ensure that maintenance.

In addition, the priest promoted both Marriage Encounter and Renewal Weekends, the ecumenical movement, the Human Development movement, and youth activities.

He was particularly cited, in 1977, for his "great love for the elderly without regard for their religious affiliation, and was a regular visitor to the local hospitals and nursing homes."

The Mass of Christ-the High Priest was presided over by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and preached by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, who had sponsored Father Hickey's ordination.

The Mass Tuesday was presided over by Bishop Matthew H. Clark and preached by Father Robert Smith, Father Hickey's classmate and an executor of his estate.

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