

# Bishop Hogan to Be Keynoter At Lay Ministry Seminar

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be the keynote speaker at the National Lay Ministry Seminar scheduled July 11 through July 15 at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua.



BISHOP HOGAN

The first such national program will offer 17 major presentations and nine mini-presentations over the Sunday-to-Thursday seminar.

Bishop Hogan will speak on "The Vision of Lay Ministry in the Church of the 80s." He will discuss Vatican II renewal and the Decree on the Laity.

The program also will feature priests, Sisters and laypersons.

The Rochester diocese was selected as host for the seminar because it is among

the leading dioceses in involving lay ministers on parish staffs.

The seminar itself is an outgrowth of the 1965

Vatican II Decree on the Laity which changed the role of Catholic laity from "going to church to hear Mass" to "we are the Church, all of us." The seminar will attempt to define how to implement this new role.

The seminar is designed for clergy, religious and lay staff at the diocesan or parish levels, as well as laypersons interested in participating more fully in the mission of the church. Registrations have already been received from such diverse places as Ohio, Florida, Canada and along the East Coast.

Topics will include lay ministry development and spirituality, family counseling, relationships and communications building in family and parish units,

primarily focusing on parenting in adolescent and teenage years.

Other topics will be lay theology, values, communications, peace and justice issues and parish outreach, as described in the 1979 U.S. bishops' statement on family life.

The cost, which includes three meals a day and lodging for four days, is \$150 per person, with 10 percent discount for groups of two or more, and an additional 10 percent discount for registration before July 5. Further information is available from Parentship Resource Center, 70 Matthew Drive, Fairport, N.Y. 14450, telephone (716) 223-3639.

The seminar is sponsored by Parentship, Inc., the non-profit organization that has presented Seminar for Parents of Teens at many diocesan parishes. It is supported by the Office of Family Life and the Religious Education Office.

# Vatican Sends Thanks For Diocesan Donation

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has received a letter from the Sacred Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, thanking him for the diocesan contributions of \$1,348,269 for the Propagation of the Faith and of \$11,546 for St. Peter Apostle.

work of Father Joseph Reinhart, head of the diocesan Missions office, for promoting "a true mission concern in your diocese."

Peter Apostle, popularly known as Peter's Pence, will be taken up across the diocese June 26 and 27.

"May the Lord keep you strong in your enthusiasm for missionary activity which is the greatest and holiest activity of the Church," the prelates concluded.

Money raised in that collection is used for Vatican administration.

The letter, signed by Cardinal Agnelo Rossi and Bishop D. Simon Lourdesamy, stated, "In these difficult times, you, your priests and your people have been exceptionally generous. This generosity is all the more notable given the increased needs of your own diocesan programs."

Last week it was revealed that the diocese topped the national list of contributors to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with donations averaging out to more than \$3.50 per person.

## Newly Divorced

Persons who are recently divorced or separated have been invited to attend the Divorced Catholic Group's Stage One. The sessions are held for eight consecutive weeks. Further information is available by calling Angie Gallo, (716) 463-5450, or Mary Edwards, (716) 482-9245.

The letter also cites the

This year's collection for St.



## Using The Green Thumb

Pastor Father William Amann, above, received the help of about a dozen parishioners on Sunday, May 30, planting numerous flowers and shrubs to brighten up the exterior of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's new church. Father Amann also confirmed receiving a \$500 gift from St. Margaret Mary's parish in Apalachin, "from the southeasternmost parish to the northwesternmost one," according to Father Elmer Schmidt, pastor.



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