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Bishop Hogan blesses Marie Weyland during her stay at Park Ridge Hospital



Bishop Joseph L. Hogan laughs with his students at Midtown Manor Apartments during one of his lecturers.



In a room next to the Kitchen, can be found hundreds of articles of clothes which are distributed to the needy every Saturday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.



Tables of plates ready for the hungry fill St. Peter's Kitchen

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the parishioners of what was once a thriving neighborhood church found themselves in new homes throughout the metropolitan area. Their hearts however remained with the parish church.

Therefore "we cover a lot of territory," the bishop remarked one morning recently as he was on his way to Park Ridge Hospital to visit a parishioner.

Close by, however, is a senior citizen high rise apartment, and to the east of the church are a number of apartments and homes converted to apartments where Third Agers reside.

It is the ministry to the sick and shut-ins which is the "most consoling" to him, the bishop said. "I am trying to be a good listener," he said.

He explained that the ministry consoles him because of the gratitude shown him for his visits.

He later recounted the difficulties he experienced in episcopal administration, both physical and emotional, difficulties which eventually led to his retirement.

There were days, he said, when he very infrequently heard the words "thank you."

Today, however, "I have never heard 'thank you' so much?"



St. Peter's Kitchen serves an average of over 1000 meals a week, every day except Sunday.