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Bishop names

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Canon law suggests that the moderator be a vicar general as well. As defined by law, a vicar general is "to assist the diocesan bishop in the governance of the entire diocese."

Father Mulligan will be the diocese's second vicar general. Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey was appointed a diocesan vicar general in 1967 by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

Impetus for establishing the moderator's position in the diocese came from several sources. The Five-Year Financial Planning Process Task Force, as one of its recommen-

dations for improving administration of the Pastoral Center, last April explicitly urged Bishop Clark to consider appointing a moderator of the curia.

But, according to Father Mulligan, Bishop Clark and diocesan division directors had already been considering such a move for some time.

Responsibilities on the national as well as the diocesan level have meant that Bishop Clark is frequently away from the Pastoral Center. Earlier this year, he also announced that he would take a five-month sabbatical this fall.

Meanwhile, the number of major diocesan initiatives has steadily increased in recent years. The Five-Year Financial Planning report alone has spawned a number of committees to address each of its eight

recommendations, ranging from retirement planning for religious to school reconfiguration.

The moderator's position, Father Mulligan pointed out, will not only help ensure that the day-to-day work of the diocese continues in the bishop's absence, but also, by freeing Bishop Clark from some of the administrative details of the diocese, will allow him to focus on those initiatives that most need his attention.

Father Mulligan conceded that his appointment may be viewed as an added layer of bureaucracy in an institution some people already consider too well-padded. "This is certainly not intended to be a layer that impedes things, but rather that facilitates things," he said. "I'm here to take on administrative details ... to make the facilitating power of (the bishop's) office more available."

"This is in no way an attempt to isolate the bishop from his staff," Father Mulligan added. "We're hoping for a more coordinated diocesan church out of this."

Father Mulligan also speculated that by taking overall responsibility for the Pastoral Center's administration, he can ensure greater cooperation among divisions, and at the same time free division directors to concentrate more on programs within their own divisions.

Although division directors are unsure how the moderator's position will actually affect them in practice, they are optimistic about the possibility of improved administration.

"A lot of issues that come our way are across division lines," said Father Schrader. "I think it will be helpful to have someone in the position who can facilitate interaction across the divisions."

"A lot of it is just uncharted territory. We'll find out more and more the value of the position as the months go on," he added.

Father Peter Bayer, who serves as diocesan chancellor in addition to heading the support services division, agreed that new relationships will have to be clarified along the way. "My role in the relationship will be worked out in terms of Bishop Clark and Father Mulligan. What specifically Bishop Clark wants me to cover and work with will be a relational question," he said.

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan first recognized the need for administrative assistance during the early 1970s, when he hired James

Noonan, a Geneseo resident, to serve in a similar capacity as administrator of the pastoral office. In 1978, however, the diocesan administration was reorganized into divisions, and shortly thereafter, Noonan's position was eliminated.

Father Mulligan believes that his dual appointment as moderator and vicar general, and the support of canon law will make the administrative position more effective this time around.

"This is not intended to be just another person who's reporting to the bishop, but a person empowered to act in behalf of the bishop," he explained.

On the other hand, Father Mulligan pointed out that when a priest is appointed moderator and vicar general, canon law requires his term to be limited to a stated number of years. "I think that's a helpful insight (in that it) calls for an evaluation of how it's going," he said.

A Rochester native, Father Mulligan graduated from Sacred Heart Cathedral elementary school, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. At the age of 26, he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Lawrence B. Casey in June of 1964.

Father Mulligan has since served in four of the six diocesan regions outside Monroe County. He was associate pastor at parishes in Auburn, Corning and Ithaca prior to 1973, when he was appointed co-pastor at St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street in Rochester. In June, 1981, he moved to Geneva to become pastor at St. Stephen's Parish.

Two years later, Bishop Clark replaced the Urban Directorate with the Division of Urban Ministry, created to coordinate pastoral services to the City of Rochester, and appointed Father Mulligan to head the new division.

Although he will no longer be able to serve as a pastor, Father Mulligan said he is determined to maintain a pastoral perspective on diocesan administration.

"One of the things that's important to me is to bring a sense of parish (to the Pastoral Center), a sensitivity to their concerns," he said. "I hope that when a pastor or a parish community says something's important out there, I can recognize that."

"I've always seen myself first and foremost as a parish person, and I would hope not to lose that," he added.

Imprimatur

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published with the imprimatur due to an oversight.

"Right from the very beginning, they took responsibility for the error," the priest said, adding that he feared Paulist Press might actually withdraw the rights to the paperback edition.

According to Don Brophy, managing editor of Paulist Press, the mistake, while annoying, was not serious.

"They just forgot to take it (the imprimatur) out," he said. "It's a very minor thing really."

The revised Bantam edition of *Parents Talk Love* is broader in scope than the original, including background discussions

and information from other religious denominations in hopes of attracting a wider audience, Sullivan said. Its basic message remains the same, she added, reiterating that parents should teach their children about sexuality, and in order to do this well, need encouragement, help and training. The book, she said, is one way to help parents prepare to do this.

She viewed the error in the current edition — and the attention it is receiving — philosophically.

"It's kind of a two-edged sword," Sullivan commented. "It could hamper future publication."

On the other hand, the error could have a positive effect, she said. "If it makes people pay attention so they buy the book and see the need to talk to their children about sexuality, then it's kind of an ironic error," Sullivan concluded.

Redeemer

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stating that the diocese would not donate the parcel to the veterans.

"We had every intention to pay them for the property," Caulfield said.

He added that the chapter plans to use the buildings for a trauma-center for community residents. The organization would still maintain its office at 459 South Ave. in Rochester, Caulfield said.

Announcement of the offer on Memorial Day was purely coincidental, Caulfield said.

"When we heard what the diocese said to the Landmark Society last week, we knew we had to get our act together," he said.


Henry McCartney, executive director of the Landmark Society of Western New York, said that earlier negotiations with the VVA chapter had made him aware of the group's strong interest in the church.

"We've been working with the Vietnam vets, but I'd need to see more details on the proposal before I comment on it," McCartney said.

The church would require extensive renovation and repair, Caulfield said, but "the benefits it would give back to the community would be well worth the effort."

"We're actually doing a ministry here," he added.


Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following diocesan appointments, which become effective June 28:

- **Mr. Michael R. Brown** from Immaculate Conception Seminary, South Orange, N.J., to deacon intern at St. Catherine's Church, Mendon.
- **Father Timothy J. Brown** from deacon internship at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Henrietta, to priest intern at St. Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit.
- **Father Joseph R. Catanise** from the Diocesan Tribunal to parochial vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece.
- **Father Gerard J. Gull** from parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street, Rochester, to parochial vicar of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.
- **Father John H. Hayes** from priest intern at St. Catherine's Church, Mendon, to priest intern at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece.
- **Father Stanley G. Kacprzak** from priest intern at Our Mother of Sorrows Church, Greece, to parochial vicar at Sacred Heart Cathedral.
- **Rev. Mr. Michael A. McHale** from deacon intern at St. Mary's Church, Honeoye, to deacon intern at St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street, Rochester.
- **Father Casimir Muszynski** from temporary parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece, to administrator of St. Pius V Church, Cohocton, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Perkinsville.

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