

1970s

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We did have a pope — the September pope, John Paul. I think we made the mistake of referring to him in the paper as John Paul I until diocesan historian and archivist Father Robert McNamara nudged us — “You can't have a I until there is a II.” How sadly and unknowingly prophetic!

I was comfortably asleep the night of September 28. An old friend and colleague, Tom Flynn, of the *Democrat and*

Chronicle shattered my reverie with a telephone call and announcement. “The pope is dead. I'm on deadline. How can I reach Bishop Hogan?”

Soon we had our first Polish pope, a friend of Father Chester Kloczek of Hilton. At year's end, a *Courier* headline looked back on “Three Popes in 1978.”

Bishop Hogan resigned on November 29, 1978, and the long and arduous process of replacing him began. Father James Marvin was named to head the Selection of a Bishop Committee.

Naturally, rumors flew. Father Marvin himself was considered the odds-on favorite to become the new ordinary. Other

“strong contenders” included the highly-respected Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, Father John Mulligan, now a diocesan vicar general, and even our colorful *Courier* columnist, Father Louis Hohman.

Appointments of new bishops traditionally come on Wednesdays in the United States. As is the church's way, it would be impossible to make such an important announcement on a Tuesday to accommodate a diocesan newspaper.

So it was on Tuesday, May 8, 1979. The U.S. bishops were in conference in Chicago, I believe. A telephone call from a priest there advised, in a whisper, “You have a new bishop, and you must never tell

where you heard it.” I vowed. He continued, “Father Clark. From Albany.”

Bishop Matthew H. Clark's installation was June 26, 1979, in Rochester, and we covered the event with a 100-page issue. That was probably the emotional high point of the decade for the diocese.

Later in 1979, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen died. The man who had hand-picked Joseph L. Hogan as his successor back in 1969 passed on 10 years later, in the wake of Bishop Hogan's own retirement and replacement.

Viglucchi is the former editor of the *Catholic Courier*.

Appeal

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with lower rent. Until they were able to pay outstanding utility bills, they could not have the gas and electric turned on in their new home. The children's beds need to be replaced with bunk beds because they are all that will fit in the children's new bedroom.

93 Doris is an elderly woman who has always had to live very simply and depend upon others for help. Still, she tries to respond to the needs of others. This year has been particularly difficult because her son was severely injured in a car accident. The hospital was in another city, and transportation was expensive and hard to find. When he was released after several weeks, Doris took her son to her apartment and cared for him. He has no income, and it will be several months before he can work again.

94 Wayne and Cindy took out a loan to purchase a trailer home for them-

selves and their small child. A few years later the trailer park was sold, and the new owner would not rent to them because their trailer was too old. They could not find private land on which to park the trailer and had to rent a newer trailer. Now they have to pay rent and still make payments on the old trailer. Though Wayne works, they have not been able to keep up with medical and utility bills.

95 Peter is a young man who — because of his limited intellectual abilities — is unable to hold a job or manage money. He is currently unemployed, and is facing eviction. Social services have not yet opened his case, so he has no means of support.

96 Micki is a single mother who has lived with her mother. The mother has been unable to maintain her home and is closing it up until she is able to pay the electric bill. Micki's mother has found a place to stay, but Micki and her two preschool children will become homeless.

97 Joan is a single mother with two children. They were evicted from

their home and are currently living temporarily apart. Joan works as a waitress and can afford minimal rent, but is unable to pay the security deposit for an apartment she hopes to rent.

98 Sue is a 12-year-old girl with pneumonia. Her parents both work at minimum-wage jobs and have no health insurance. Sue needs medication her parents can't afford. If she doesn't get the medication she needs, she will be placed in foster care, and her parents will be charged

with neglect.

99 John is a single father with an infant son. When his wife left him, she took all the furniture and dishes. John needs help this Christmas to obtain at least minimal furnishings.

100 Jill is a divorced mother of two. She is unable to work due to medical problems. Jill's former husband is now unemployed and unable to pay child support. Resources for Jill and her family are not adequate for their basic needs.

Penn Yan

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committee, which serves as a school board, is going ahead with planning for next year. Committee members are preparing to launch a recruitment program and are considering long-term fundraising efforts as well.

One reason for requesting a subsidy, Curtin explained, is to help the school survive until the committees studying the

clustering of Catholic schools outside Monroe County develop a plan for the Finger Lakes region. One part of that plan may call for parishes without schools to help provide financial support for schools in the cluster.

Without a subsidy, Father Michatek said, the parish cannot continue to support the school until the cluster plans are implemented.

“Practically speaking, we've come to a crossroads, and we can't tighten our belts any more,” he concluded.

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