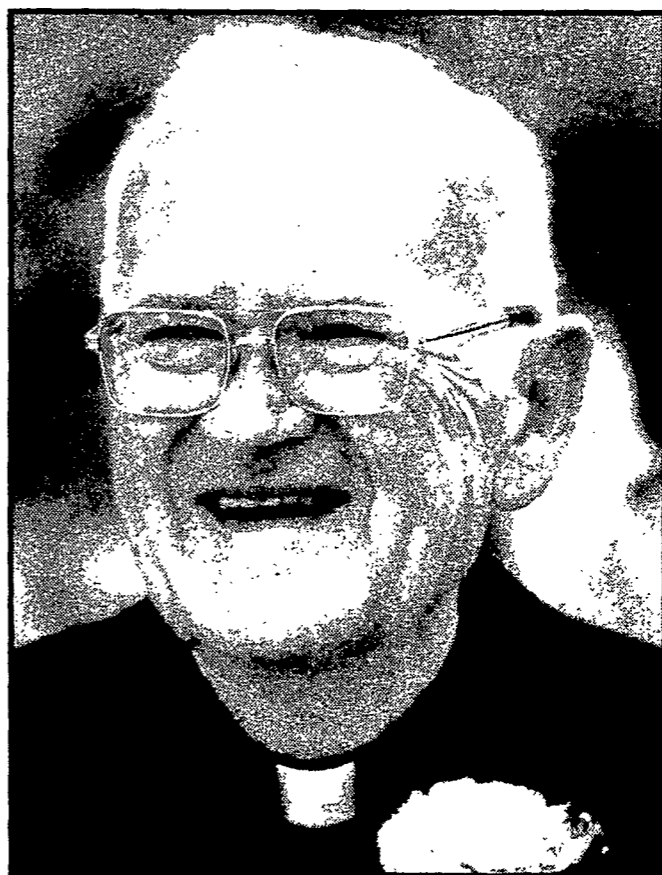




Bishop Matthew H. Clark and his mother, Grace, admire a photographic display of Bishop Hickey's life.



The golden-anniversary celebration began with a concelebrated Mass at Holy Family Church.



Bishop Hickey enjoys the remarks of one member of 'The Train Gang,' who spoke following the dinner in his honor.



Bishop Hickey's sister, Helen Hickey, was one of several speakers to honor the jubilarian.

"In memory of that day on which
was given
what is not given to Angels
-- that I should offer --
God to God."



These words graced the remembrance card from Bishop Hickey's June 7, 1941, ordination.



Nick Caldwell plays with the toy trains decorating a table at the reception for his granduncle at the Mapledale Party House June 23.



Allison Caldwell (left), a grandniece of Bishop Hickey, signs the guest book, as Eden MacKenzie looks on during a reception on the church lawn after Mass.

Hundreds salute bishop

ROCHESTER — During the homily of the June 23 Mass marking his 50th year as a priest, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey exhorted his listeners to encourage the call to priesthood among young men.

"I implore the help of all of you here in encouraging young men who will take our places as priests," the retired auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Rochester told more than 300 people attending the afternoon liturgy at Holy Family Church, 415 Ames St.

Concelebrating the Mass with Bishop Hickey were Bishops Matthew H. Clark and Joseph L. Hogan, as well as a host of diocesan priests.

Bishop Hickey pointed out in his homily that the Catholic community universally supported vocations at the time he entered the priesthood. Today, however, young men can expect little or no support for exploring a priestly vocation, he commented.

"The mere hinting on the part of a young man that he is thinking of the priesthood brings immediate opposition," Bishop Hickey said. "If any person should confide in you that he is think-

ing of the priesthood, by all means, share your joy."

The bishop's well-wishers shared the joy of his vocation at a reception outside on the church lawn following Mass.

Jane Grien, a legislative aide to state Sen. Ralph Quattrocchi, 55th-district, presented a legislative resolution honoring the bishop for his years of service to the community. The resolution, dated June 17, also bore the names of Sen. John D. Perry, 54th district, and Assemblyman Roger J. Robach, 134th district.

Following the reception, the bishop was "roasted" by his friends and admirers following dinner at the Mapledale Party House, 1020 Maple St.

On behalf of Pope John Paul II and Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, apostolic pro nuncio to the United States, Bishop Clark presented Bishop Hickey with a papal blessing and greeting.

Gates Town Supervisor Ralph Esposito was also on hand at the dinner to give Bishop Hickey a certificate of appreciation from the town, in which he has served for many years.

— Rob Cullivan



During the dinner tribute to Bishop Hickey, Karen Franz, editor in chief of the *Catholic Courier*, produced 'proof' that the auxiliary bishop had been 'pedal-ing' the *Courier* for many years.

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