

Diocese of Rochester welcomes newcomers

Welcome to the Diocese of Rochester, which is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

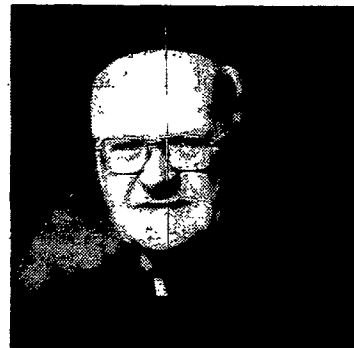
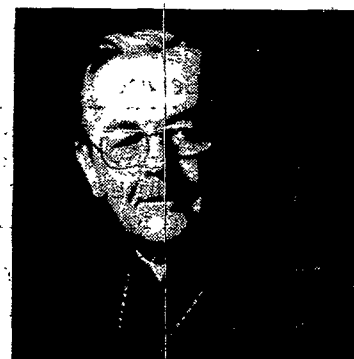
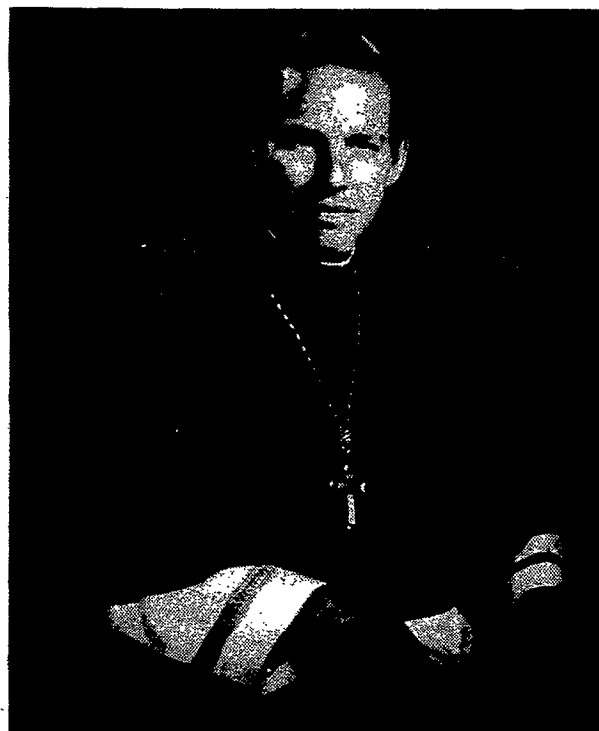
The diocesan boundaries stretch from Lake Ontario on the north to the Pennsylvania border on the south. The area includes a major urban area — Rochester — and many cities, towns and villages. It also encompasses some of the most rural regions in New York state.

The diocese is home to some 361,000 Catholics; 182 parishes and mission churches; seven diocesan and private Catholic high schools; three Catholic

hospitals; and four monasteries, and abbeys.

To coincide with its 125th-anniversary celebration, the diocese is currently undergoing a synod — a periodic gathering of the diocesan church to set directions and goals for the future.

The current synod — the seventh in diocesan history — is the first to include lay people. It is intended to set the diocese's mission and goals for the next decade. The diocese's interim mission and goals are printed in the box below and to the right.



File photos
The Diocese of Rochester has three bishops: Bishop Matthew H. Clark (left), who heads the diocese; Bishop Joseph L. Hogan (top right), who retired as diocesan bishop in 1978; and Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, (lower right).

Are you a diocesan trivia whiz?

Whether you're new to the Diocese of Rochester or a lifelong resident, these questions will test your knowledge of diocesan trivia. (Answers are upside down on the right edge of this page.)

1. When was the Diocese of Rochester founded?
2. Who was its first bishop?
3. How many New York counties currently belong to the Diocese of Rochester?
4. What is the diocese's youngest parish?
5. St. John Fisher College was named after the bishop of what English city?
6. Until 1896, Elmira, Corning and Hornell were part of what diocese?
7. The Diocese of Rochester is conducting its seventh synod. When did the last one take place?
8. Which bishop of Rochester became a cardinal?
9. What television celebrity was bishop of Rochester during the 1960s?
10. The diocesan Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, wasn't always an office building. What was its original function?
11. Sacred Heart Cathedral is the second diocesan cathedral. What was the name of the original?
12. The diocese is organizationally divided into three regions. Name them.
13. Bishop Matthew H. Clark originally was ordained a priest of which New York diocese?
14. In what year was he installed as Bishop of Rochester?
15. Name the two orders of women religious boasting the largest number of sisters in the diocese.

Roman Catholic Church of Rochester Mission and Goals, 1991-1993

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me, to bring good tidings to the afflicted; the Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Luke 4:18-19

We joyfully embrace our baptismal call to worship God, to preach the good news of Christ, to build up the community of faith and hope in the Holy Spirit, and to serve those in need. As pilgrims we work with other churches and with all who seek harmony within our human family to advance the reign of God. Contin-

uing our diocese's century-old tradition of courage and creativity, and responding to the Second Vatican Council's call for the ongoing conversion of the Church, we strive to meet the needs of our community in this time and place.

Interpreting the signs of the time, we set forth those primary goals:

- to convene a broad-based Synod to chart our future course
- to create comprehensive faith development programs for all ages and cultures
- to provide human care services and to advocate for social reform
- to provide well-qualified pastoral ministers to serve our faith communities.

You're not a Courier subscriber?

If this is the first time — or the first time in a long time — that you've picked up a copy of the *Catholic Courier*, we'd like to take this chance to introduce ourselves.

Though owned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, the *Catholic Courier* is run by an independent board of directors and managed by a staff of lay professionals.

The *Courier's* editorial philosophy emphasizes hard-news coverage as well as analysis, human interest, commentary and community service. We're neither a theological journal, nor an oversized parish bulletin. Think of us as combining elements from your local daily newspaper, your hometown weekly, and such periodicals as *U.S. Catholic*, *America* and *Commonweal*.

The *Courier* is distributed to 47,000 diocesan families through a parish-based circulation program. If you find this issue interesting, call the office at your parish and ask to be added to the *Courier* list. (And if you really want to make new friends, tell them you'd like to contribute some portion of the \$14 parish-subscription price!)

As you become more involved in

diocesan and parish life, you may wonder how to get news of your activities into the *Courier*. Basically, there are two ways:

A. Calling our editorial department — 716/328-4340 — to request staff coverage of an event or program. We make every effort to respond to coverage suggestions, but our staff is small and cannot meet every request — especially if we receive less than a full week's notice.

B. Submitting items — event announcements, parish news, notices of honors and awards given to individuals and groups, etc. — for publication on our calendar, news and feature pages. The following guidelines govern our acceptance and handling of such material:

1) We only publish news concerning the Catholic Church, social issues and charitable groups. Commercially oriented material will be rejected.

2) All announcements must be submitted in writing. *We cannot publish announcements dictated over the telephone.*

3) Information must be typed or hand-printed. If we can't read it, we can't use it.

4) The information must include all pertinent details — time, date place, etc. We will try to call you if something is missing, however.

5) Deadline for submitting material is 5 p.m. on the Tuesday nine days prior to the desired Thursday publication date.

6) We cannot guarantee that submissions will be published in a specific issue. We also reserve the right to determine which format — for example, a calendar listing or news item — is appropriate.

7) Easy-to-use forms for submitting calendar items may be obtained by calling 716/328-4340. Although we encourage use of these forms, they are not required.

8) Our calendar only covers 10 days, so it can't accommodate events in the distant future. But we will list such events under the dates of earlier registration deadlines if you like.

9) Feel free to send photographs, too — especially 35mm photos. *But we can't use photos taken with newer-model Polaroid cameras, those that have been converted to halftones (images composed of small dots), blurry or especially dark photos.*

TRIVIA ANSWERS:
(1) March 3, 1868; (2) Bernard J. McQuaid; (3) 12; (4) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hamlyn; (5) Rochester, England; (6) Buffalo; (7) 1954; (8) Edward Mooney (4th Bishop); (9) Fulton J. Sheen; (10) St. Andrew's Junior Seminary; (11) St. Patrick; (12) Southern Tier, Finger Lakes and Genesee Valley; (13) Albany; (14) 1979; (15) Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of Mercy.

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