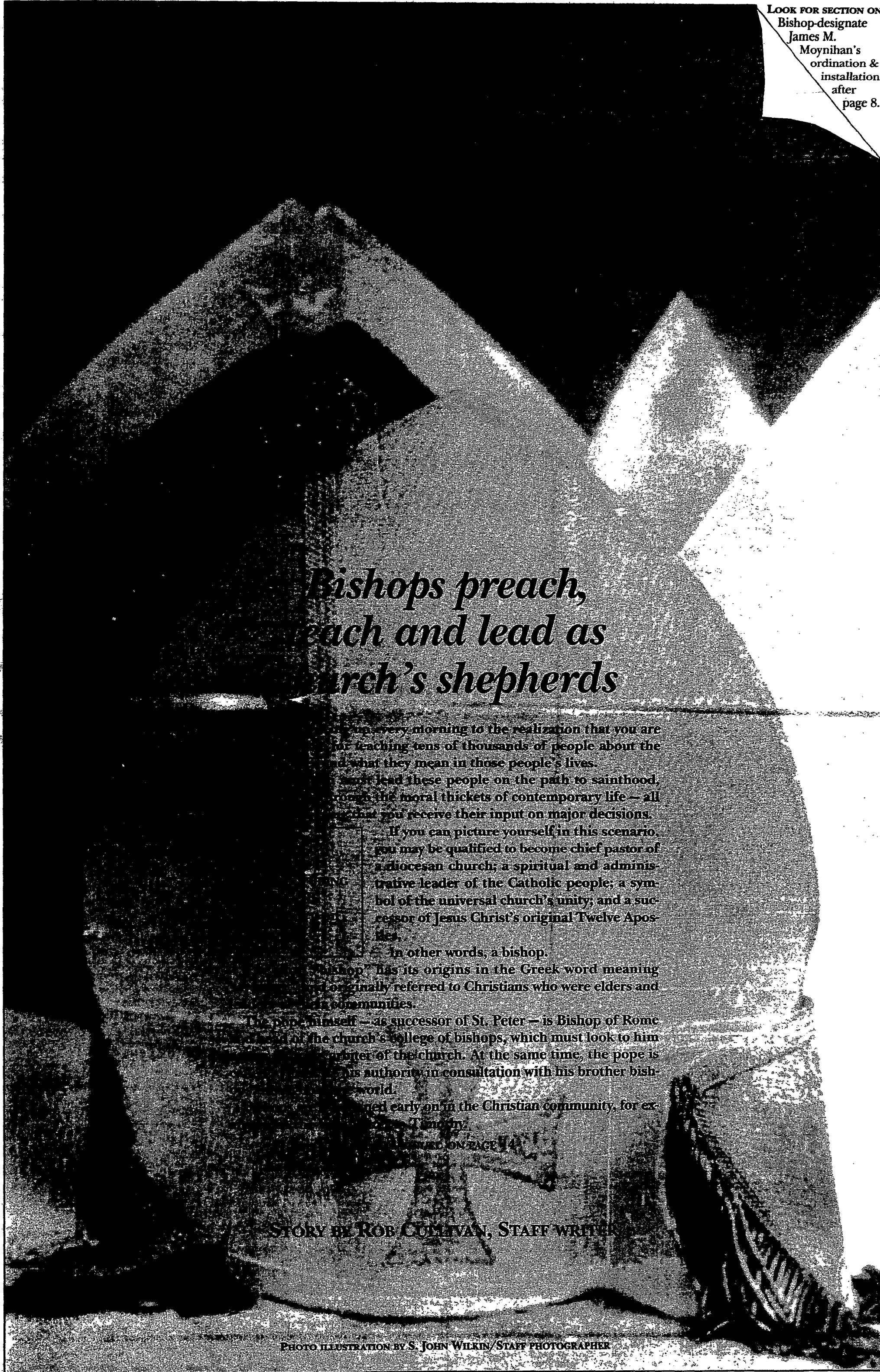


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Bishops preach, teach and lead as church's shepherds

Every morning to the realization that you are teaching tens of thousands of people about the faith and what they mean in those people's lives.

Lead these people on the path to sainthood, through the moral thickets of contemporary life — all that you receive their input on major decisions.

If you can picture yourself in this scenario, you may be qualified to become chief pastor of a diocesan church; a spiritual and administrative leader of the Catholic people; a symbol of the universal church's unity; and a successor of Jesus Christ's original Twelve Apostles.

In other words, a bishop.

The word "bishop" has its origins in the Greek word meaning "elder" and originally referred to Christians who were elders and leaders in their communities.

The pope himself — as successor of St. Peter — is Bishop of Rome and head of the church's college of bishops, which must look to him as its chief pastor and shepherd of the church. At the same time, the pope is also the chief shepherd of the world, exercising his authority in consultation with his brother bishops.

The office of bishop was established early on in the Christian community, for example, in the city of Antioch.

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