

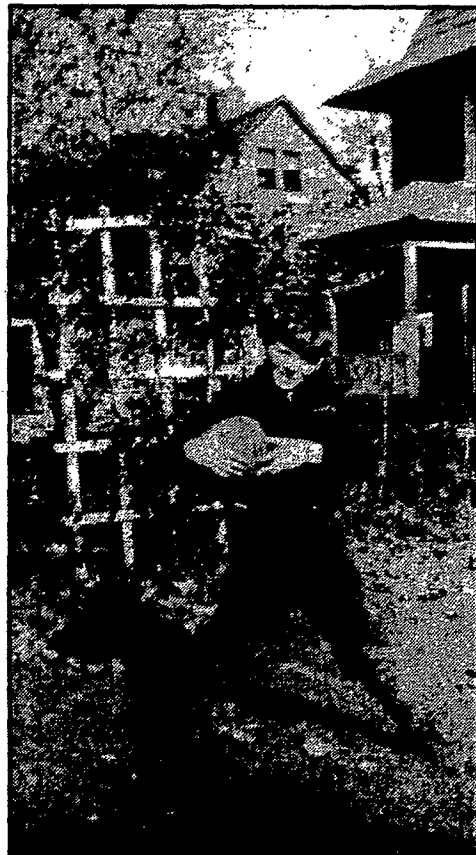
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James Moynihan, who went on to play intramural football and basketball at St. Andrew's Seminary, poses with a football at age 8.

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*When I say to myself I'm the luckiest guy in the world, there's reason to say it.*  
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Bishop-designate James M. Moynihan

Submitted photo  
A young James M. Moynihan poses for a picture with his sister, Carol. The bishop-designate started his schooling at Blessed Sacrament and Nazareth Hall before entering St. Andrew's Seminary.



Then-Father James M. Moynihan (second from right) was in Rome in May of 1959, when Bishop James E. Kearney (third from left) had his 'ad limina visit' with Pope John XXIII (center).



Then-Father Moynihan was ordained a priest in 1957.

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ply commented: "You kind of think it's a dream. You just take it one day at a time."  
If, as William Wordsworth wrote, "The child is father of the man," then Bishop-designate Moynihan is the scion of young Jim Moynihan, born in Rochester July 6, 1932, to the late Michael Moynihan and Carolyn Horigan Moynihan.  
Bishop-designate Moynihan's father was an Irish immigrant who eventually rose to become Rochester's deputy chief of police. His mother ran her own business: the former John J. Soble Lumber Company.  
"She was way ahead of her time — a 'liberated woman,'" Bishop-designate Moynihan laughed.  
His mother's success in business ap-

parently influenced Bishop-designate Moynihan's attitude toward the many talents women have to offer, Salmon speculated.  
"He had a great appreciation of the ability of women, and I think that was because of his mother," Salmon said. "He thought women could and would do things."  
Indeed, his mother had hoped he would follow her in her footsteps in the lumber business, the bishop-designate said. Though he worked for the family business during vacations, he was not attracted to that line of work, nor was he attracted to police work — although he did subsequently serve as chaplain at the Monroe County Jail and the Rochester Police Department.  
What he did show a strong bond with

was sports, Carol Moynihan said.  
"He loved sports," she said. "He played all kinds of sports that kids play."  
In addition to neighborhood pickup games, he played for a basketball team sponsored by the neighborhood's Oxford Pharmacy, Bishop-designate Moynihan recalled. He also played football and basketball on St. Andrew's intramural teams.  
And his love of sports still lingers today. While still serving in Rochester, he regularly attended Rochester Red Wing baseball games. And when he moved to New York City, he and Cassan attended football games at Giants Stadium. He also enjoys watching sports on televi-

sion — particularly college football and especially Notre Dame.  
"We used to avoid him for a couple of hours if they lost," Sister Switzer joked.  
Bishop-designate Moynihan's current recreational activity is golf.  
"He certainly enjoys his golf," noted Father Statt. "Every vacation that I went on with him, there was always golf involved."  
The two men enjoyed a memorable experience about five years ago when they hit the links in Florida. Their cart, which contained their clubs and other personal items such as wallets, rolled down a slope into a pond, where it sank into 35 feet of water. Divers had to recover their personal items and a crane was needed to retrieve the cart.  
"Neither of us will ever forget the blue monster at Doral," Father Statt chuckled.  
In addition to sporting activities, Bishop-designate Moynihan played the trombone and even studied for some time under a professor at the Eastman School of Music. He also loved building models during what was, in general, a typical childhood, Carol Moynihan recalled.  
Moreover, the siblings' father had converted part of their Wilmer Street home's basement into a recreation room, and that room became a center for family and neighborhood activities.  
Father Jeremiah P. Moynihan, pastor of Hornell's St. Ignatius Church, and Bishop-designate Moynihan's cousin, recalls family gatherings that included frequent visits to that recreation room.  
"Every time we went over to their house we'd see slides," Father Moynihan reported. And every time, Bishop-designate Moynihan's father would also show the movie, "The Night Before Christmas."  
"How many times could you see that?" Father Moynihan observed.  
But Bishop-designate Moynihan sometimes found a way to spare the family a viewing of the movie, Father Moynihan said. "Every once and a while, he hid it."  
Young James Moynihan started his school years at Blessed Sacrament, completing five grades before entering Nazareth Hall. From Nazareth Hall he entered St. Andrew's Seminary.  
Cassan said Bishop-designate Moynihan's decision to enter the seminary surprised no one.  
"I don't think he was interested in anything else except being a priest," Cassan said.  
Bishop-designate Moynihan, however, did not feel as convinced as other people.  
"I think I was attracted (to the priesthood)," Bishop-designate Moynihan acknowledged. But while he enjoyed his time at St. Andrew's, he found he was ready to leave by September, 1950, as he was beginning the program's college years.  
"A lot of my pals I had chummed around with in my neighborhood had gone off to college," Bishop-designate Moynihan recalled. "I was feeling lonely."  
So he went to see Father J. Walter Carron, St. Andrew's spiritual director, to explain that seminary life was not for him. Father Carron gave him a book to read.  
The book explained the physical, intellectual and moral conditions for being a priest. The monsignor read the book and changed his mind about leaving the seminary.  
"I decided I could do it, that I had the qualifications, and I couldn't find a good excuse not to do it," Bishop-designate Moynihan said. "I knew if I walked away from it I could never look at my face in the mirror again."  
From St. Andrew's Bishop-designate Moynihan continued on to St. Bernard's Seminary, where, after two years, he was  
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