

GRC to carry ordination live; diocese slates special Masses

Greater Rochester Cablevision has announced plans to carry the ordination and installation of Bishop-designate James M. Moynihan as bishop of Syracuse live on leased-access Channel 26 from 2-4 p.m. Monday, May 29, from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse.

The ordination will also be carried live (or will be available on tape) at the following diocesan Catholic Telecommunications Network of America sites: St. Alphonsus Church, 95 E. Genesee St., Auburn (call Marie Venaglia, 315/253-6147); St. Cecilia's Church, 2732 Culver Road, Rochester (Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, 716/338-2349); and St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3003 Dewey Ave., Rochester (Father Edward L. Palumbos, 716/663-3230).

Bishop-designate Moynihan is also scheduled to celebrate two Masses in the Rochester diocese following his ordination as bishop.

The first Mass has been scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 18, at St. Joseph's Church, 43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield. Bishop-designate Moynihan served as the Penfield parish's pastor from 1976-91. He left to become associate secretary general of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association in New York City.

A public reception will follow in the parish hall.

The second Mass is scheduled for 12:10 p.m. Friday, June 23, at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, Rochester. Bishop-designate Moynihan will concelebrate the Mass with Bishop Matthew H. Clark and deliver the homily. Once again a public reception will follow.

Through a diocesan statement, Bishop Clark said the June 23 Mass is a chance for everyone in the diocese to share in Bishop-designate Moynihan's appointment as bishop of the Diocese of Syracuse.

"I am pleased to welcome our brother, Bishop Moynihan, to Rochester for this special celebration," Bishop Clark said. "He has been a friend and leader in our community, and I am happy to invite everyone to Sacred Heart Cathedral for this joyful occasion."

Bishop-designate Moynihan said he is looking forward to the opportunity to return to Rochester.

"When Bishop Clark called to invite me to come and celebrate with my Rochester family on June 23, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, it seemed so very appropriate," Bishop-designate Moynihan said. "Naturally, I am thrilled at the prospect of returning to my native city and greeting all my friends and acquaintances again — people I haven't seen in four years."

"Even though New York City became my home and Syracuse will become my home," he continued, "the city of Rochester and its people will always occupy a very special place in my heart and life."

May 19, 1995

Dear Friends,

I am grateful for the opportunity to greet you as we celebrate the ordination of Monsignor James M. Moynihan as the ninth Bishop of Syracuse.

To Bishop O'Keefe and to the entire Church of Syracuse I send affectionate greetings and express our thanks for being such warm and cooperative neighbors. We are enriched by the many ways in which we share life, exchange ideas and reflect on pastoral questions with you. It is my fond hope that we will continue to build on the solid foundations we have established.

To the people of the Diocese of Rochester I offer thanks for the strength of your faith and for the generosity with which you work daily to serve the God who gives us life. You make our church lively and loving in so many ways. One expression of such gifts is the strength and encouragement you offer to our brother priests. Jim Moynihan has recognized that gift and thanked you for it on many occasions since his appointment as bishop. I am happy to second those thanks.

To Jim Moynihan, priest of Rochester and good friend, I express my thanks for all that you have done for our local church in your 37 years of ministry among us. Your priestly assignments have been many and varied. You have been graduate student, parish priest, Secretary and Chancellor to the bishops of Rochester, hospital and jail chaplain, beloved pastor and Associate Secretary General of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. To all of these ministries you have brought high levels of talent and commitment, and a loving, pastoral heart. I have no doubt that you will be a wonderful bishop, and I know that the people of Syracuse will love you just as we have loved you.

Peace to all.

Your brother in Christ,

Matthew H. Clark

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Bishop of Rochester

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