

DIOCESAN NEWS

Hogan

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In the ensuing years, he remained in the Rochester area and returned to teaching at St. John Fisher College. He spent many years at his beloved home on the grounds of St. Patrick's Church in Victor. In the five years prior to his death, Bishop Hogan had been residing at St. Joseph Convent Infirmary. He had long suffered from lung problems including emphysema and pneumonia, and more recently, decreased mobility.

"I look good," he acknowledged to a *Courier* reporter in May, but then explained he was having increasing difficulty in getting around.

Bishop Hogan died peacefully of natural causes in the late afternoon while riding home with his brother, Father Michael C. Hogan, from a visit to the Lima home of his sister, Mary Rose.

His death came so peacefully that Father Hogan, priest-in-residence at St. John of Rochester in Fairport, believed that his brother — who often napped during car trips — had simply fallen into a deep sleep. But when they arrived at the infirmary, Father Hogan asked a staff member to check on the bishop, and the staff member confirmed that he had died.

Though the official cause of death had not been determined by press time, Sister Joseph Gilmory Russell, SSJ, infirmary coordinator, said that in recent months Bishop Hogan "definitely had a breathing problem" that may have related to his death.

Yet Msgr. William Shannon, a close friend of Bishop Hogan's since their days at Rochester's St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, said the bishop's passing caught him by surprise because the bishop had not been gravely ill.

"Just a few days ago I said to him, 'We haven't had dinner in a long time. I'm going to make sure I get you over to the motherhouse next week.' He said, 'Yeah, sure,'" remarked Msgr. Shannon, who resides at the SSJ motherhouse.

Sister Russell said news of the bishop's passing "was very upsetting for everyone" at the SSJ infirmary, residents and staff alike.

"Bishop was a favorite person here. Oh, how we're going to miss him," Sister Russell said. "He was always so kind — the special things he did for people on special occasions."

100-percent priest

The son of Michael C. and Mary Shaw Hogan, Joseph Lloyd Hogan was born in Lima and raised in St. Rose Parish. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James Kearney on June 6, 1942.

"He was 100-percent priest," Father Michael Hogan remarked of his brother's fondness for his vocation. "He had the kingdom of God in mind in everything he did. He liked all aspects of the priesthood — service, marriages, baptism. I don't think there's one thing that he favored over all the others."

Bishop Hogan began his priesthood by assisting at St. Mary's Church, Elmira. In 1945, he became a professor of Latin and social studies at St. Andrew's Seminary and, in 1949, he obtained a master of arts degree from Canisius College, Buffalo. He also taught a summer session while at the college that year.

From 1949-51, Bishop Hogan pursued graduate studies in theology at Pontifical University Angelicum in Rome, Italy, and was awarded a doctoral degree in sacred theology. He returned to Rochester in 1951 and taught Latin and religion at St. Andrew's until 1953.

From 1953-55, he served as principal of DeSales High School, Geneva, until he became professor of fundamental dogma at St. Bernard's Seminary. During that time, he served as dean of studies and professor of catechetics, and also taught theology at St. John Fisher College and at Sisters of St. Joseph Novitiate.

In 1965, Bishop Hogan became the



Bishop Hogan greets Pope Paul VI during an audience Sept. 11, 1974.

first rector of Becket Hall, the diocesan preparatory seminary residence adjacent to Fisher. He was made a monsignor in 1966 by Pope Paul VI, and became pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit, in 1968, the same year he was named a diocesan consultor by Bishop Sheen.

Living Stones

Of his many accomplishments as leader of the Rochester Diocese, Bishop Hogan may be best known for his 1975 pastoral letter, "You Are Living Stones," which received national acclaim.

"In this document, (Bishop Hogan) ... laid out his dream for the renewal of our local church, and called our laity, religious and clergy to make that dream a reality," Bishop Clark said. "This they did, and they did it superbly."

Believed to be the diocese's first true pastoral letter, "Living Stones" gave much-needed direction to a diocese confused by the changes wrought by Vatican II — changes that were leading the bishop to reshape the diocese. The document, which has reached readers across the country, is still studied to this day for its concrete structuring of how Vatican II's church renewal was to be realized.

In the document, the bishop put forth the qualities he believed a pastoral minister should have and outlined many initiatives designed to forge a church in which laity and clergy worked hand-in-hand as "the People of God." Among these initiatives were lay training and leadership; ongoing adult education; a sabbatical program for priests; close work with such renewal groups as Marriage Encounter and Cursillo; and the designation of mission areas in inner-city Rochester where Catholic schools had closed. "Living Stones" also set in motion the diocesan program for the permanent diaconate, the rank of permanent deacon having been restored by Pope Paul VI in 1967.

"The document spoke of a vision for the church, again giving encouragement to the many ministries and practices that we take for granted today," Father Michael Conboy noted in his remarks pre-



Cardinal Terence Cooke ordains Bishop Hogan Nov. 28, 1969.



Bishop Hogan entertains schoolchildren.

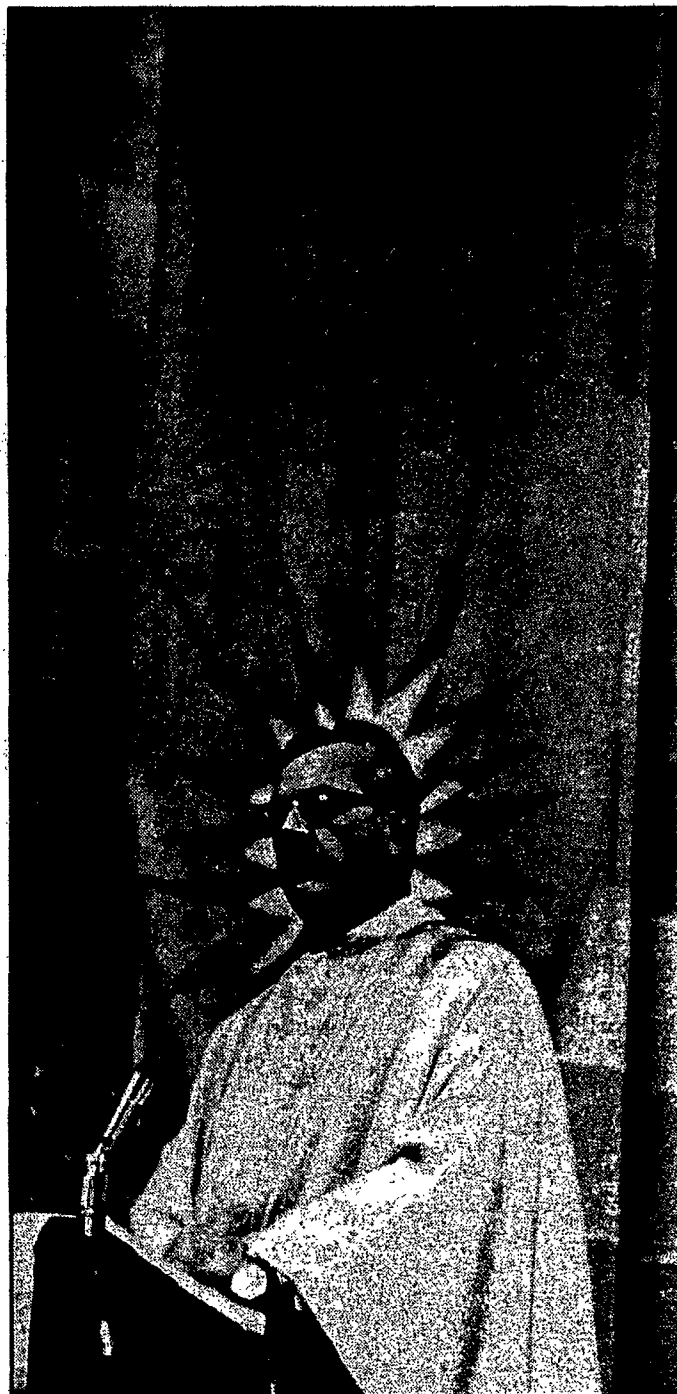
pared for the bishop's vigil service.

"Bishop Hogan was a trail-blazer and encouraged others to have balance between action and reflection, to bear witness through integrity, to be a cultivator of gifts, to exercise stewardship, and always to be motivated by a eucharistic spirituality," added Father Conboy, who had been Bishop Hogan's priest-secretary.

Bishop Hogan was predeceased by his parents; his sisters, Phoebe and Gertrude and her husband, Arthur. In addition to his sister Mary Rose and brother Father Michael Hogan, he is survived by his brother Daniel (Ruth) of Fairport; a nephew, John (Gayle) Brooks of Pennsylvania; a niece, Joan (Larry) Lanphere of North Carolina; and other relatives and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, 4199 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14618.

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