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Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, (left) and Sister Joseph Gilmory Russell, SSJ, place the pall on Bishop Hogan's casket during the reception of the body on Aug. 30 at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse.

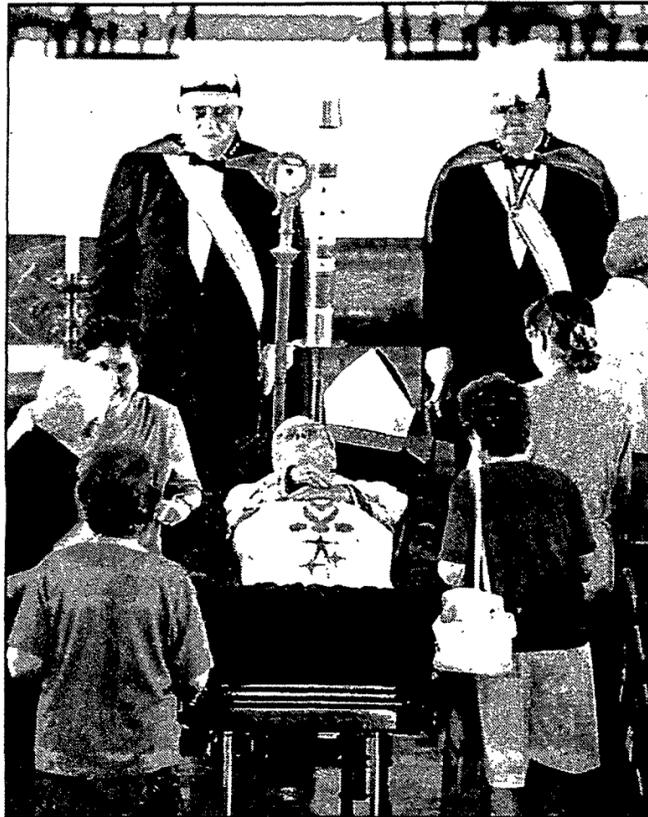
The six months of the '70s was the greatest decade for me. I think back to Bishop Hogan and the Diocesan Pastoral Council... I was on the Diocesan Pastoral Council formation committee and became the first executive secretary of the council in 1975, when it began.

When I look back on him, he was a person always stretching you to think creatively about church, your involvement and how we can involve others.

I got to know him more when I was made director of religious education in '81. Sister Roberta Tierney was my boss. We used to go out to Victor to planning days of education and get to know him more informally. He usually preside at Mass for us, have dinner for us.

I got my master's degree at Bishop College. He got along with Doug Hottel and Charlie McMillan. I got to know the Lomagan family and they took all the people staying in Rochester out to dinner. They often people in the program would believe the bishop was that friendly with the people from the diocese.

—Sister Mary Ann Binsack,
RMS, Sisters of Mercy
leadership team



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Knights of Columbus Armand Dumont (left) and John Dengler stand guard at Bishop Hogan's casket prior to the funeral Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Aug. 31.

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sonnel, and pastor of St. Jerome's Church, East Rochester, and Father Charles J. Latus, pastor of St. Rita's Parish, Webster. Fathers Conboy and Latus served as secretaries to the late bishop.

Bishop Hogan was a noted ecumenical leader, and that fact was highlighted at the funeral by the presence of Retired Episcopal Bishop Robert R. Spears Jr., of Rochester. During the 1970s, Bishops Hogan and Spears collaborated on such projects as a joint pastoral letter calling for prison reform in the light of the bloody uprising in September 1971 at the Attica Correctional Facility.

The honorary pallbearers for Bishop Hogan's casket included members of the leadership teams of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy as well as some friends. The actual pallbearers were friends and relatives.

The Mass' first two readings were presented by women religious as well. Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, parish life coordinator at St. Cecilia Parish, Irondequoit, and Sister Joseph Gilmory Russell, SSJ, coordinator of St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, where Bishop Hogan had lived since 1995. The Gospel was read by Deacon David A. Palma, diocesan director of deacon personnel.

Father Daniel McMullin, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish, Rochester, served as cantor at the Mass, and the music was provided by the Diocesan Festival Choir, directed by Ginny Miller. Musicians were H. Ricardo Ramirez, organ; John Gaspar, harp; Sue Kiernan, oboe; and Sue Brown and Dave Mear, trumpet.

Acolytes for the Mass were Katie Coniff, Clare Ferris of Sacred Heart Cathedral, Amanuel Wolde, an Eritrean Catholic immigrant, and Bill Coffas, a diocesan seminarian currently studying at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Bearing the gifts to the altar were members of the Brent family of Victor, special friends of Bishop Hogan's.

Seventeen members of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John served as the honor guard.

Among them was Paul G. Rombaut, a parishioner at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Greece, and a former master of the Rochester Diocese's



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The body of Bishop Joseph Hogan is carried out of Sacred Heart Cathedral on Aug. 31 as the Knights of Columbus stand guard.



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Bishop Matthew H. Clark blesses Bishop Hogan's casket with incense during the funeral on Aug. 31 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester.

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. Rombaut said Bishop Hogan had presided at the 1976 funeral Mass of his wife, Dolores, and that he would not have missed the bishop's funeral.

"He treated the Knights of Columbus wonderfully," Rombaut said. "He publicized the Knights of Columbus and tried to get men to join the Knights."

Like many others who attended the funeral, Rombaut said Bishop Hogan had an uncanny ability to remember people's names, even if he had met them only once before.

"I don't know how he did it," Rombaut said.

Roland Bergeron, Knights' district commander for the Rochester Diocese, also praised Bishop Hogan's dedication to the fraternal order.

"He's done a lot for the Knights," said Bergeron, a parishioner at Church of the Assumption, Fairport. "The least that we could do is show up for his last respects."

Reflections

In addition to Bishop Clark's homily, Bishop Hogan received tributes from Father Hart and his brother, Father Michael Hogan. Both men used humor in their talks.

Father Hart noted that he had been a member of the first class of seminarians at Becket Hall, the diocesan preparatory seminary adjacent to St. John Fisher College. Then-Father Hogan became founding rector in 1965, and was made a monsignor in 1966. After Bishop Fulton J. Sheen took office in 1966, the celebrity prelate often called upon Msgr. Hogan for an unlikely type of service.

"Bishop Sheen would often call up with unusual requests," Father