

DIOCESAN NEWS BRIEFS

To Visit Ireland

Durham — The Rt. Rev. James E. McSweeney, pastor of Immaculate Conception church here, will be attending the ordination and first Mass of the Rev. Dermot A. Lane in Ireland next week. Completing seminary at All Hallow's at Conliffe, the young priest will be ordained May 27 by Archbishop McQuade of Dublin, in which area he will be appointed. The Mass will be offered in Gowean in County Killkenny. Msgr. McSweeney and Father Lane are close personal friends.

Recuperating in Florida

Charlotte — The Rev. Vincent Stokes, pastor at Hamlet, has been discharged from Mercy hospital here following serious, yet successful, surgery. He is presently on a leave of absence and recuperating at the home of his brother in North Miami, Florida.

25th Priesthood Anniversary

Morehead City — The Rev. Hugh Kennedy will mark the 25th anniversary of his priesthood here at St. Egbert's church of which he is pastor, on May 31.

To Address Catholic Hospitals

Charlotte — Charles B. Fellers of this city will be a speaker at the 52nd annual Catholic Hospital Association convention in early June at Chicago. His topic will be discussing effectiveness in institutional purchasing. He is presently with the American Hospital Supply Corporation of this city.

Havelock Assistant Feted

Havelock — The parishioners of Annunciation parish here will honor James H. McHugh with a reception May 21, from 6:30 p.m. The priest has been an assistant to the Rt. Rev. Frank Howard, pastor during the past four years.

Charlotte Faculty Plans

Charlotte — Four faculty members of the Charlotte Catholic high school will be involved in summer teaching programs this coming season. The principal, Rev. Brother Richard Duffy, S.N., will be studying news media at Ottawa, Canada. The Rev. Brother John J. McGrath will teach mathematics at the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan. The Rev. John Conlon, S.M., will study French at Washington and Lee University in Virginia and the Rev. Brother Richard Sullivan, S.M., will attend East Carolina College in Greenville on a National Science Foundation grant in Sociology.

Attends Alumni Meet

Raleigh — The Rev. Roderick O'Connor, director of the Catholic high school here attended an alumni meeting of the North American College of Rome at Baltimore last week. Other alumni attending from the Diocese of Raleigh were the Rev. Thomas P. Hadden of New Bern, The Rev. Francis T. Connolly of Asheboro and the Rev. Jessie L. Creel of Winston Salem.

Offers Baccalaureate Mass

Belmont — The last class graduating from Sacred Heart Junior College here had their baccalaureate Mass, yesterday, May 20, with the Rt. Rev. John F. Roueche as celebrant and preacher. Next year a four year program of Senior College will begin and the present Freshmen will leave with a Bachelor's degree in the Spring of 1970. Msgr. Roueche is the pastor of Queen of Apostles parish here.

GUEST OF HONOR

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI will be the guest of honor at an annual concert to be presented May 30 by the chorus and orchestra of Italy's radio and television system. It will be directed by the Austrian conductor Herbert von Karajan. The concert, which is to be attended by the Pope, the college of cardinals and officials of the offices of the Holy See, will present Mozart's Coronation Mass and Verdi's Te Deum.

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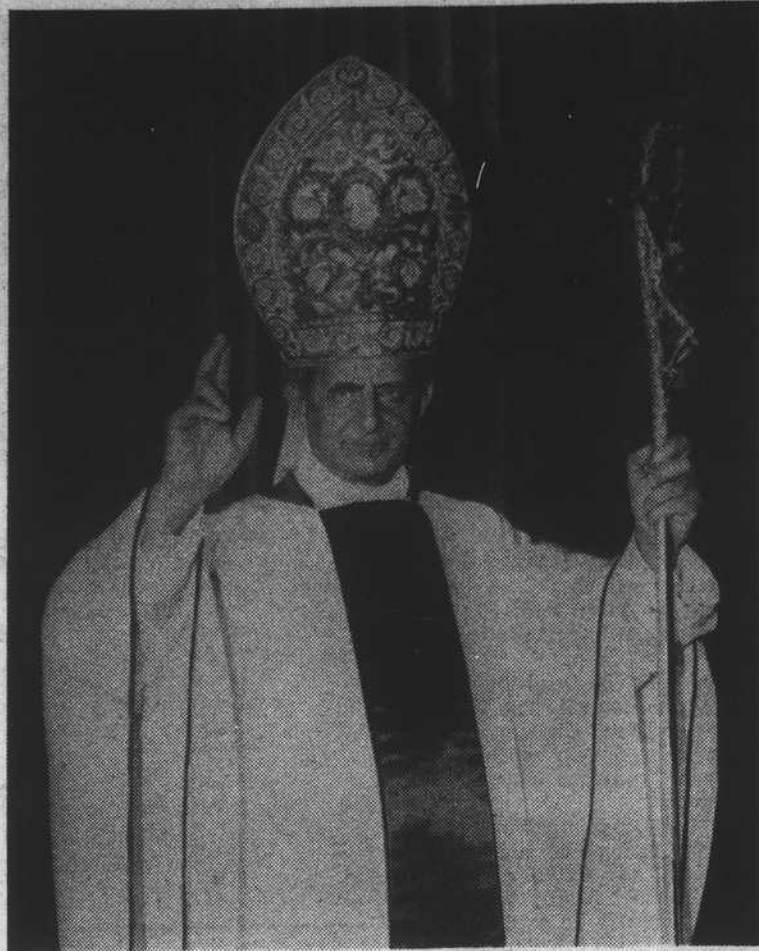
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Pope Paul VI has proclaimed a worldwide "Year of Faith" beginning on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, June 29. In asking the bishops of the world to prepare suitable observances of the occasion, the Holy Father states the purpose of the Year of Faith to be: "An internal renewal of our holy faith, a more profound study and a religious profession of our faith and an active witnessing to that faith . . . by means of which we hope to arrive at the salvation promised to us . . ." (NC Photos)

Group Asks Sex Education Program

Montclair, N.J. — (NC) — The Pre-Cana Committee of the Family Life Apostolate of the Newark archdiocese has called for a widespread program of sex education in secondary schools.

The committee has been engaged in giving premarital instruction to engaged couples in

the Newark archdiocese for more than 10 years.

In calling for a sex education program in the schools, it noted that its own program — a series of lectures by priests, doctors and married couples — does not provide all the information that is necessary for peoples entering marriage.

Bishops Will Open D.C. Office World Justice and Peace

WASHINGTON — World justice and peace will become concrete aims of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops when it opens a new office here on June 1 to promote these goals.

Inspired by Pope Paul VI's encyclical, The Development of Peoples, the new bishops' committee and its secretariat will be counterparts to the recently established Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace.

The papal commission, according to a statement issued at the conclusion (April 25) of its first plenary meeting in Vatican City, was "designed to represent in concrete form the presence of the Church in contemporary society."

The bishops of the United States voted to duplicate this effort on a national level at their April meeting in Chicago and united their committees for the Pope's Peace Plan and for World Justice and Peace into the new Committee for World Justice and Peace.

Chairman of the committee is Auxiliary Bishop John J. Dougherty of Newark, president of Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.

Bishop Dougherty emphasized that the new committee will work in closest cooperation with the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace.

He said he views the program of the new committee as the "practical fulfillment of the Christian precept of charity in the global dimensions of the crisis of hunger."

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