



# OFFICIAL

Bishop's Residence  
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My Dear Brethren:

On Wednesday of this week we heard the good news that our Holy Father has honored the Diocese and our Auxiliary, Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin, by electing him the First Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida.

We have already expressed our gratitude to our Holy Father for this great honor in which we all participate. Even if we feel, as we do, the loss of Bishop McLaughlin who has been so closely attached to the Diocese of Raleigh as a Pastor for these many years, and as an Auxiliary Bishop, we know that the Church is One, and the work of the Church must be done by the Bishops, Priests, Sisters, Brothers, and Laity.

The only way a new Diocese gets started is by the Holy Father giving an opportunity to an Auxiliary Bishop, or appointing a Priest to be elevated and consecrated to the office. In these spiritual ties between Bishops, Priests, and Laity to the whole Church, there can be no question but one of generosity. We are One for the expansion of God's Kingdom on earth. We are all pilgrims on the way to the promised land. We have work to do for God and souls, whether we are young or old. As I quoted in a recent letter, "freely we have received, freely we must give."

Bishop McLaughlin came to us from the great Archdiocese of New York, but he has been identified so long in this Diocese that we forget that his Archbishop, his Pastor, and his Parish were generous in giving us a wonderful Pastor and a wonderful Auxiliary Bishop. You can be sure that I will miss him more than any other person, and his tremendous contributions to the work and expansion of this diocese. "The Lord giveth, the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

The generosity of the Archdiocese of New York and the Province of New York, made it possible for us as a missionary diocese to give back to the great State of New York a Bishop to Ogdensburg, Bishop James J. Navagh, of happy memory. He was a zealous missionary in North Carolina. Through his work here, we were able to assist also the Diocese of Paterson to which he was later assigned.

In a native born son, Bishop J. Lennox Federal, we have been able to help the Diocese of Salt Lake City. The Holy Father chose this wonderful Priest for the Auxiliary and finally the Ordinary of that fine Diocese.

Now, we assist the great State of Florida and its new Diocese of St. Petersburg.

The missionary Diocese of Raleigh is continuing to be missionary, and a Bishop is pledged to be a missionary in an extraordinary degree. We are happy for Bishop McLaughlin to be the First Bishop of St. Petersburg. We need, however, to stand behind him by our prayers and sacrifices because he will have the arduous work of organizing a new Diocese, as was the tremendous organizational work of Bishop William J. Hafey here in North Carolina in 1924. I need not tell you that from now until the time Bishop McLaughlin has to depart, we should storm Heaven with prayers and sacrifices that his work in Florida will be most successful for God and souls.

In addition to our spiritual help, I would ask the parishes and missions of this Diocese to contribute towards a purse by a second collection at all Masses on the Sunday of June 2nd. We will present this purse to Bishop McLaughlin before he departs. Knowing your devotion to Bishop McLaughlin and his tremendous work for God and souls in North Carolina, I am sure you will be most generous in this token of love and respect.

Our apparent loss will be Florida's gain, but there is actually no loss when we remember that the Church is One, and the Lord is the Giver of all, including the wonderful gift to us and to Florida of Bishop McLaughlin.

Wishing each and every one of you God's choicest blessings, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Raleigh

Sunday, May 26

## U.S. Catholics to Observe World Communications Day

Washington — (NC) — In response to an appeal by Pope Paul VI to the universal Church, the Church in the United States will observe the second World Communications Day on Sunday, May 26.

THE NATIONAL Conference of Catholic Bishops approved last November the observance of World Communications Day in this country on diocesan and parish levels, and members of the U.S. Bishops' Committee for So-

cial Communications have sent to individual ordinaries throughout the country a copy of the

### HOLY DAY

Next Thursday, Ascension Day is a holy day of obligation. All are seriously obligated in conscience to assist at Mass on May 23rd. Consult your parish bulletin for the schedule of Masses.

prayer of the faithful for that Sunday and a copy of the Holy Father's message, issued earlier this month.

It is recommended that the observance in this country have both religious and non-religious aspects. The former would highlight a Mass with appropriate sermon in the cathedral or some convenient church, to which executives and employes of communications media would be

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ROOM AT NAZARETH — Staff members at the Catholic Orphanage at Nazareth and volunteer workers wave good-bye to a busload of poverty people, part of the Poor Peoples March on Washington, who were served dinner and breakfast May 10 and 11 during a stop in Raleigh. (Story and other photos on Page 8.)

## New Diocese Covers Major Florida Cities

By Rev. F. A. Koch

Raleigh — The appointment of Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin as first Bishop of the new Diocese of St. Petersburg in Florida prompted a study of the state map of Florida.

The 11 counties which were designated to comprise the new Diocese in last week's news story were not familiar and so a study was made of the cities which are located in them and are more familiar to the general public.

The famed east or Gold Coast along the Atlantic shore of the state peninsula is now divided into the three dioceses of St. Augustine, Orlando and the Archdiocese of Miami.

HOWEVER, on the West or the Gulf side of the shore, we find Bishop McLaughlin's new Diocese extending from the town of Dunnellon on the north to nearby Ft. Myers Beach on the extreme south. In this area are the cities of Tampa, Sarasota, Plant City, Pinnellas Park and Clearwater.

The area is noted for the citrus fruit, tobacco and truck gar-

den industries. The city of St. Petersburg, itself, is most noted for its population of people who are in the Golden Age of retirement.

Sarasota has been noted as the Ringling Brothers circus capital. Industry and the favorable climate have brought many Catholic people from other parts of the country to this tropical area.

ST. PETERSBURG and Tampa are separated by Tampa Bay but are connected by two long bridges. The seat of the Diocese is situated on a kind of peninsula jutting out into the Gulf of Mexico.

As the new 1968 Catholic Directory has not yet been delivered, the figures of last year show 11 parishes in St. Petersburg and 14 in Tampa. This figure is increased as new churches have been dedicated within the past year in these two cities.

Bishop McLaughlin is consulting with Church authorities in Washington and in Florida as well as with Bishop Waters relative to plans for his arrival in St. Petersburg.

No date has as yet been decided upon and his departure from Greensboro is still undetermined.

## Bishop to Give Abbey Talk

Belmont — The Most Reverend Charles B. McLaughlin, D.D., the Bishop-designate of the new diocese of St. Petersburg, Fla., and former Auxiliary of Raleigh, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at the concelebrated Academic Mass highlighting the 90th Commencement exercises at Belmont Abbey College, here, on Tuesday, May 21.

A graduating class of 130 young men and women are candidates  
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## Editor's Desk

Establishing personal credit on \$1,500 a year salary, the present allotment for pastors of the Diocese, often presents a humorous chain reaction of correspondence to companies who invite the use of their credit cards.

Last week a major oil company sent us the carte blanche to use their products. The invitation was unsolicited as we already have been using one of a competitor whose gasoline is sold by a parishioner.

After having had the card stamped on a chance for many prizes in the promotional effort we cut the celluloid cards so that no charges could be made against our name.

A FEW YEARS ago we asked a bank with which we had been doing parish business for a loan of a few hundred dollars to purchase a car. We were a poor financial risk, they said, as we were below the poverty level income.

At the same time, the bank had an ad gimmick showing a whole lot of cherries mixed up with an occasional lemon. The lemon showed the disproportion of turned-down risks.

At that time, we were pastor of a parish which carried a debt of over \$400,000. The wife of a parishioner was teller at the bank and when we told her that we were regarded as a lemon she turned as red as a beet.

A PASTOR here in Raleigh at a parish which takes in the most affluent section recently was turned down by a chain department store which opened up a local branch within his parish.

An exchange of correspondence informing the firm who he was and the circumstances brought back an immediate embarrassed assurance that he was in good standing.

During our years as director of the apostolate of the newly ordained clergy, we have all  
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