

Bishop McLaughlin Takes Florida Post On Sunday, June 2

Raleigh — Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin, newly designated Bishop of St. Petersburg, Fla., and former Auxiliary to the Bishop of Raleigh, has released dates which will mark his concluding days in North Carolina and his calendar of events in Florida.

A parish reception tended him by his parishioners of Our Lady of Grace Church at Greensboro and by the congregation of St. Leo's Church at Winston-Salem, where he served as pastor at the time of his consecration as Bishop four years ago, will take place Sunday, June 2, between 2 and 5 p.m.

Friends are cordially invited. ON THE FOLLOWING day, Monday, June 3, the diocesan clergy will have a farewell day with him. A Concelebrated Mass will be offered at Sacred Heart Cathedral here at 10:30 a.m. followed by a buffet luncheon at 12:30 o'clock.

Bishop Vincent S. Waters of the Diocese will be host to the clergy at his residence for the luncheon which will be served there.

On Wednesday, June 12, Bishop McLaughlin will attend the consecration of Bishop-elect William D. Borders at the Cathedral at Baton Rouge, La. The Bishop-elect has been named as head of the new Diocese in Florida with

the Cathedral to be located at Orlando.

ON THE DAY following, Thursday the 13th, Bishop Coleman F. Carroll will be elevated to the rank of an Archbishop and Miami will be canonically established as an Archdiocese for the related dioceses of St. Petersburg, Orlando and St. Augustine.

The installation of Bishop McLaughlin as the first Bishop of the new Diocese of St. Petersburg will take place Monday, June 17, with a Concelebrated Mass to be offered in the newly designated Cathedral of St. Jude in St. Petersburg.

Concelebrating with him will be the other Prelates of the Florida Archdiocese and Province as well as some representation from the diocesan clergy.

On June 18, Tuesday, Bishop McLaughlin will attend the installation of Bishop-elect Borders at similar ceremonies at St. Charles Cathedral in Orlando.

ARCHBISHOP LUIGI RAIMONDI of Washington, Apostolic Delegate in the United States, will officiate at the four rites scheduled in Florida.

Being named the first Bishop of a newly created Diocese "is quite a challenge," Bishop McLaughlin said at his former parish at Greensboro when he released the news of his Florida appointment by Pope Paul VI.

"I humbly accept but I do not leave North Carolina without a warm feeling for the people of the State whom I have served for 27 years," Bishop McLaughlin said.

Until being named to head a diocese, Bishop McLaughlin was pastor of Our Lady of Grace Church in Greensboro and Vicar General of the Diocese of Raleigh.

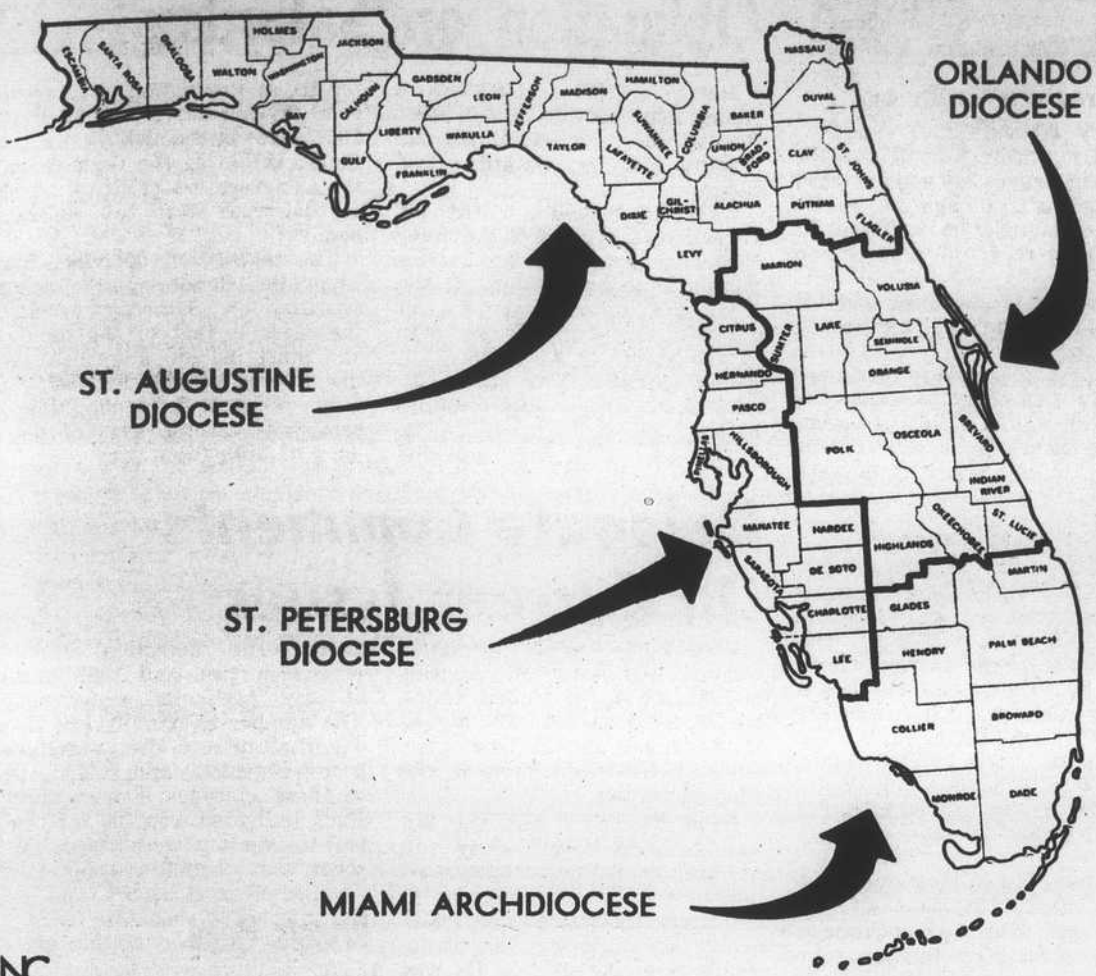
BISHOP McLAUGHLIN expressed his pleasure at the cordial reception given to him last week as he made a hurried visit to St. Augustine.

"The priests whom I met and the people expressed themselves in a most heartening welcome to me," the Bishop said.

The Cathedral at St. Petersburg is a magnificent structure. Built at the cost of \$600,000, it was dedicated five years ago and has a seating capacity of 1,688 persons.

The nave is 120 feet long and the Cathedral has a circular sanctuary 56 feet in diameter and See Bishop, page 8A

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Editor's Desk

The editor of a Catholic newspaper holds his job for an average of seven years, someone told us during a period of socializing while attending the convention sessions of the National Catholic Press at Columbus, Ohio, held during the later part of last week.

As it had been 15 years since we last associated among our peers of the fourth estate there were few personalities on the scene whom we recognized. Present were editors representing 128 diocesan weekly newspapers, publishers of many magazines and authors of books, as well as representatives from well-known publishing companies.

The editor of the monumental annual "Catholic Directory," inquired of North Carolina as he was in service at Cherry Point and Edenton. People whose names we have read repeatedly on the mastheads of newspapers, magazines, or on the title page of a book may very well be your table companion at any of the meal sessions during the convention.

WE TRUST that the enthusiasm, constructive thinking and progressive movements in the church to which we were exposed during the convention will prove of benefit to the editorial column of our newspaper.

With the magic of the Whisper Jets we left the convention 700 miles away and within a few hours faced reality of the editor's desk.

We returned feeling that many of the crisis issues are more or less events of the past and that See Editor's Desk, page 8A

Convention in Columbus

Press Focuses on 'City of Man'

Columbus, Ohio — (NC) — The Catholic Church today has the opportunity "to give a massive Christian witness to truth and justice that she has not had since the days of slavery," a Negro priest told a group of Catholic journalists here.

But it will miss the opportunity unless it replaces sermons with example and rhetoric with action.

The black priest was Father Herman Porter of Rockford, Ill., the convenor of the Black Catholic Clergy Caucus held in April in Detroit. He spoke at the annual convention of the Catholic Press Association.

The Black Clergy Caucus issued a statement at the end of its two-day meeting which stated that the Catholic Church is "primarily a white racist institution."

FATHER PORTER admitted to the newsmen here that the statement was not entirely accurate. But it would be, he said, if the word "primarily" were dropped. "The Church does not exist to promote racism as its first aim," he said, "but it certainly does promote it as a by-product of being part of a white racist society."

But the point, he indicated, is not worth arguing about. The fact is that "there is a mood of skepticism prevailing among black people when they regard the present position of the Church on the racial issue."

Young black intellectuals have written off the Church because "they say the Church has written them off." This alienation, he said, has "reached a point of almost total irreconciliation."

THAT THE CHURCH has not responded to the ghetto, seemed

apparent to Father Porter in these figures: 25 years ago there were 800,000 Negro Catholics; now, as the number of Negroes has grown markedly, there are somewhat fewer than one million.

"The Church's response to the racial crisis will determine whether or not it will ever reach those 'other sheep which are not

of this fold,'" he said, and the quality of its response will largely be determined by how well it relates to these "other sheep."

Why, he asked, do Catholics who praised the Hungarian and East Berlin freedom fighters of the 1950s now condemn Negro youths who want their freedom and who are impatient with "the See Press, page 8A



YOUNG AMERICANS HONORED — President Johnson shakes hands (May 9) with William G. Glynn III, 16, of Westbury, L.I., N.Y., after presenting him with a Young American Medal at a White House ceremony. Between them is 18-year-old Mary Lynne Donohue of Sheboygan, Wis., who also received the honor. Glynn is a member of St. Brigid's parish in Westbury, and Mary Lynne a member of St. Clement's parish in Sheboygan. (NC Photos)