

Archdiocese is split

Palm Beach, Venice to get bishops

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

With help from St. Petersburg and Orlando, the Archdiocese of Miami gave birth this week to two new Florida dioceses: Palm Beach on the east coast and Venice on the west.

Miami Auxiliary Bishop John J. Nevins will head the Diocese of Venice, which extends from Naples to Sarasota. Auxiliary Bishop Thomas V. Daily of Boston will head the Palm Beach diocese, which reaches into Vero Beach and Sebring.

Booming growth in the Catholic population, as well as the long distances between Naples, Palm Beach and Miami, prompted the divi-

sion, which had been under consideration since the early 1970s.

"We are delighted," Archbishop Edward McCarthy told a press conference Tuesday, the day the announcement was made by the Vatican. But "it's a bittersweet moment to be losing this man" he said of Bishop Nevins.

"Archbishop, I will miss Miami," responded the Bishop-designate of Venice. "But I want you to know I'm going to a magnificent place."

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Pope to visit Miami?

Maybe, next year.

Responding to questions from reporters, Archbishop Edward McCarthy said "there's a possibility" that Pope John Paul II will visit this city in 1985.

"We've been sort of getting vibrations" from the Pope's advisors that he is considering a trip to cities in the southern United States, said the Archbishop. "We're told if he does (come), Miami will be one of them."

Referring to the Pope's planned October visit to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, the Archbishop added that it's unlikely the pontiff will stop here on the way.

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Archbishop is like a proud father

By Robert O'Steen
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Archbishop McCarthy feels like the father of the bride this week—proud but a little sad.

He says he is proud that the Church in South Florida is growing to the extent that new dioceses are needed but sad at losing the people of the Palm Beach and Naples areas whom he has served for eight years.

He is also faced with new financial problems—a \$1.7 million budget deficit in 1985—due to the projected revenue losses of the now-smaller Miami Archdiocese.

"YOU'RE BEING separated from a lot of the people you have been close to who have been part of the Archdiocese, clergy as well as laity, and that part is saddening," he said.

"On the other hand we ought to be concerned about the most effective way to administrate the Gospel, and I think that we ought to agree that the Archdiocese has gotten so large that it is difficult" to reach all the people as effectively from Naples to Palm Beach.

"Also I think that there is a difference in the characters of the two

areas. We're heavily bilingual here and that's not true of the other areas at this point. So I think it's appropriate that they have their own personalities, their own dioceses."

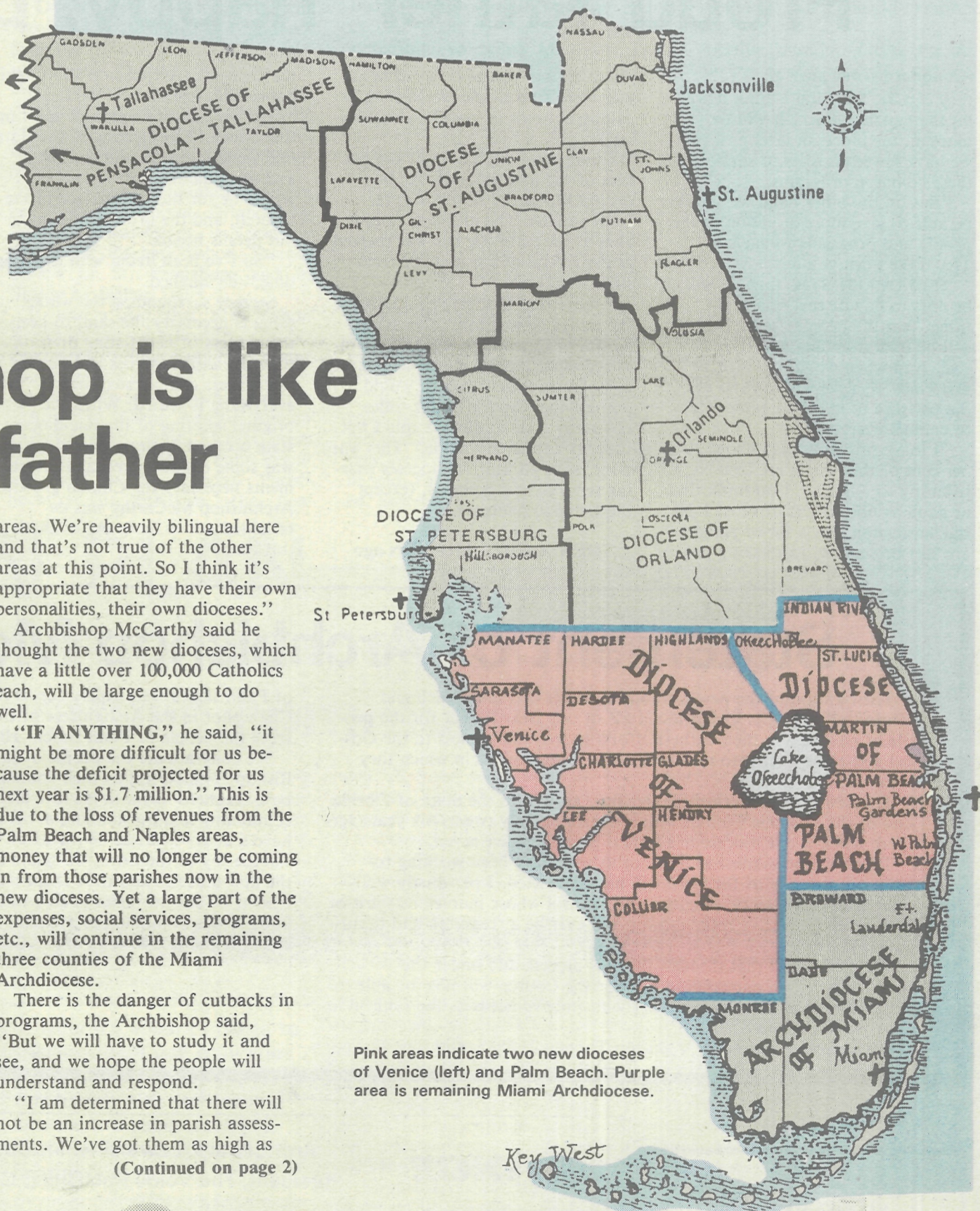
Archbishop McCarthy said he thought the two new dioceses, which have a little over 100,000 Catholics each, will be large enough to do well.

"IF ANYTHING," he said, "it might be more difficult for us because the deficit projected for us next year is \$1.7 million." This is due to the loss of revenues from the Palm Beach and Naples areas, money that will no longer be coming in from those parishes now in the new dioceses. Yet a large part of the expenses, social services, programs, etc., will continue in the remaining three counties of the Miami Archdiocese.

There is the danger of cutbacks in programs, the Archbishop said, "But we will have to study it and see, and we hope the people will understand and respond."

"I am determined that there will not be an increase in parish assessments. We've got them as high as

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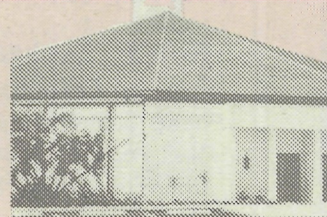


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Archbishop McCarthy, Bishop-designate Nevins and Bishop Roman announce the division at a press conference in Miami. Bishop Nevins had just returned from Venice, where he had attended a morning press conference with Bishop Thomas Larkin of St. Petersburg. (Voice photo/Prent Browning)

'I have taken the position that until the very day of the split I was going to continue as though there were no changes going to happen. And then after the new dioceses are created if anyone wants to change he's welcome to tell me. And if... it can be arranged... then I am willing to listen to that because you want to keep the men happy if you can.'

—Abp. McCarthy

'Proud father' happy, but sad

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they can be. So I don't think it will hit the parishes much, it will be more on the diocesan level now that we have fewer parishes to support these common programs.

"But on the other hand we should be able to give more attention to the people and programs we have left. That's the positive side.

"I'M OPTIMISTIC that we will be able to handle this financial thing, that the people themselves will be understanding and responsive. And when we hit the ABCD drive next year we will have to ask the parishes to make an extra effort to contact everybody.

"I think probably only about 30 per cent of the people are contributing to ABCD... I do think that as good as our ABCD drive is, I get the impression that a lot of parishes are sort of routine, just asking peo-

ple to fill out pledge cards at Mass and there's no longer the visiting or calling at home of people who missed."

Concerning the timing of the creation of the new dioceses, Archbishop McCarthy said it was far from sudden. The idea was originated in the early 70s but was shelved at the arrival of the mid-70s recession.

Archbishop McCarthy said one of the things he was told to do when he was assigned here was to look into regionalizing the major seminary in Boynton Beach "which would prepare the way for a split, since obviously a small diocese could not support a seminary alone." This was done, with all Florida dioceses sharing services and expenses, (except the Orlando Diocese).

THEN ABOUT three years ago

the Delegate (Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal representative to the U.S.) raised the question again of splitting the diocese. The bishops of the state had some meetings and studied it and unanimously agreed that it would be for the best service of the Church, and the process of ironing out details began.

"So I've been living with it a long time," he laughed.

Secrecy surrounding the whole thing is necessary, he said, to keep the process of negotiating division of lands and resources and human factors less complicated until everything is settled. When the original splitting of the one-diocese state occurred 26 years ago, there was some conflict over land investments necessary for Church growth. Archbishop McCarthy was determined not to have any of that this time.

Also, secrecy helps avoid pressure on the bishops of the existing dioceses from clergy wanting to be transferred from one side of the line to the other before the split takes place, he said.

"On that I have taken the position that until the very day of the split I was going to continue as though there were no changes going to happen. And then after the new dioceses are created if anyone wants to change he's welcome to tell me. And if I can negotiate — two priests on one side and two priests on the other side who want to transfer and it can be arranged... then I am willing to listen to that because you want to keep the men happy if you can."

That's what Archbishop McCarthy is now—happy and proud. But just a little sad.

Statement of Archbishop McCarthy

The creation of the new Catholic Dioceses of Palm Beach and Venice testify to the loving solicitude of our Holy Father for the people of our state in their earnest efforts to live and witness to the Gospel and to be dedicated members of the communities in which they live.

The new dioceses reflect the dynamic growth of the State of Florida and of the Catholic Church within the state. Only twenty-six years ago there was but one diocese in Florida. Now there are seven.

There will be sadness as those of us who have been working together in the love of the Lord will now be parted. I personally will miss keenly the clergy, religious and faithful whose marvelous spirit of zealous and effective collaboration will ever be a treasured and beautiful memory.

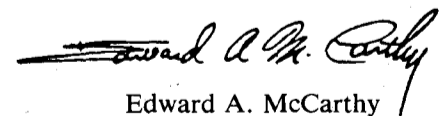
We are pleased that through the new diocese and under the leadership of two outstanding Bishops the Church will now be able to respond even more effectively to the distinctive needs of the faithful in their particular areas.

We welcome most warmly Bishop Thomas Daily as the First Bishop

of Palm Beach. His experience as Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General and Chancellor in the Archdiocese of Boston prepares him eminently to serve the people of Palm Beach. He will make a great Floridian.

We congratulate the people of the new Diocese of Venice of having Bishop John Nevins as their founding Ordinary. They will find him to be a shepherd warm in his love and solicitude for all members of the community and outstanding in his priestly gifts. Indeed Miami will have a heavy heart as he leaves us. We shall ever be grateful to him.

In the joy of the Lord, we salute the clergy, religious and faithful of the new dioceses and their shepherds. We assure them of our love in Christ, of our prayerful good wishes and fullest cooperation as they build strong communities of faith, prayer and love, living and proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus.


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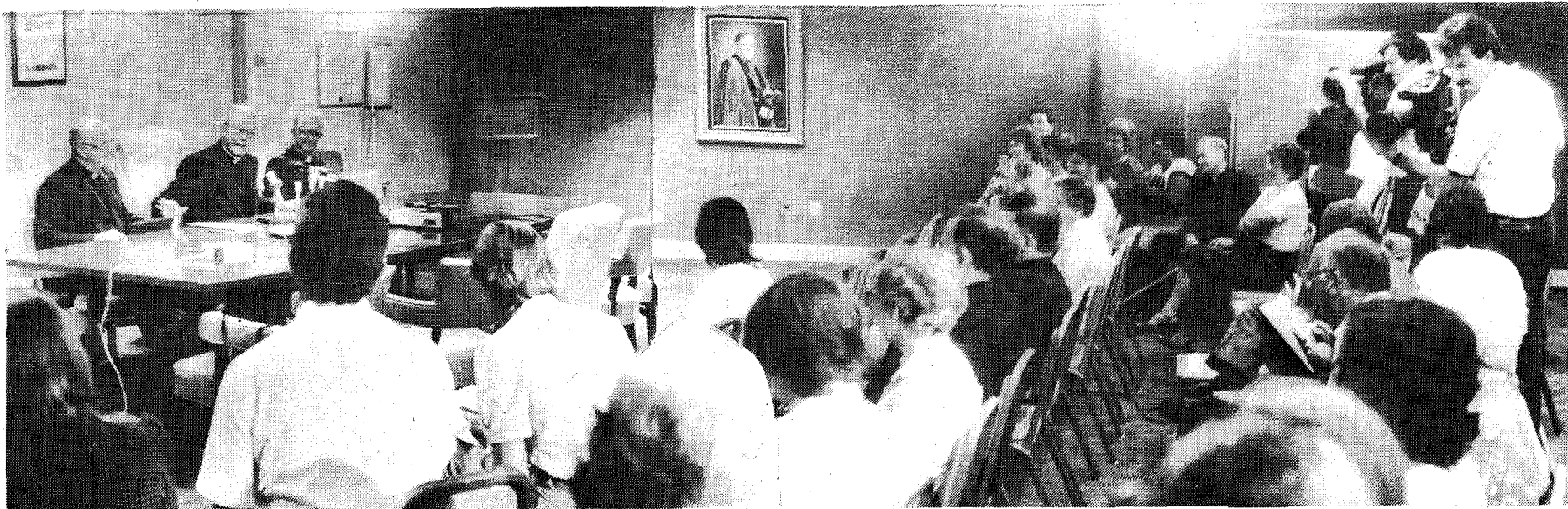
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At news conference announcing split, Bishop Nevins, Archbishop McCarthy and Bishop Roman enjoy a lighter moment with media. (Voice photo by Prent Browning)

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI STILL LARGEST IN STATE

Rapid growth leads to split

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In a prepared statement, the Archbishop said the division will allow the Church here "to respond even more effectively to the distinctive needs of the faithful in their particular areas."

He also alluded to "the dynamic growth" of the state when he pointed out that "only 26 years ago, there was but one diocese in Florida. Now there are seven."

St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Palm Beach Gardens has been designated the Cathedral of the Diocese of Palm Beach, with Father J. Frank Flynn as rector.

The Church of the Epiphany, located in the small town of Venice, south of Sarasota, from which the new west coast diocese takes its name, will serve as the cathedral, with Father Esteban Soy as rector.

In addition to Palm Beach and Martin, carved from the Archdiocese of Miami, the Diocese of Palm Beach embraces St. Lucie, Okeechobee and Indian River counties, taken from the Diocese of Orlando.

The following 10 counties comprise the Diocese of Venice: Collier, Glades and Hendry from the Archdiocese of Miami; Highlands from the Diocese of Orlando; and Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Lee, Manatee and Sarasota from the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

In South Florida, the announcement was made by Archbishop McCarthy at two press conferences, one held in the morning in Palm Beach and the other in the afternoon in Miami.

Simultaneous announcements were being made also in Orlando by Bishop Thomas Grady, in Venice by Bishop Nevins and Bishop Thomas Larkin of St. Petersburg and in Boston by Bishop Daily.

It was a day that saw Bishop Nevins hopping a helicopter from St. Petersburg to Venice and back again, then boarding a plane to Miami for the afternoon session with reporters.

Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman attended both South Florida press conferences. The one in Palm Beach was held at St. Edward Parish because St. Ignatius, the new

cathedral, is under construction. Priests from neighboring parishes attended as well.

At the Miami press conference, Bishop Nevins was visibly happy and excited. Reading from a prepared statement, he called Miamians "a beautiful and generous people" and christened the area, "the pearl of the South."

"I love the people of Florida," he said, and he vowed to Miamians, "You will not be forgotten."

During a question-and-answer session afterward, Archbishop McCarthy alluded to the loss in revenue that will affect the shrunken Archdiocese now that the Palm Beach and Naples areas are independent.

He predicted an almost \$2 million shortfall and said, "I'm afraid we will have to trim some of our programs."

"It's like asking a father which child he should starve, because we feel that every one of our programs is very, very important and effective," he said. The Archdiocese will be forced, however, to "look hard" at per-

sonnel and programs. "It's not going to be easy."

But, he added, "This has happened before. Our people have always responded. And they'll respond again."

Another question facing the Archdiocese is whether a new auxiliary bishop will be named to aid Bishops McCarthy and Roman. The Archdiocese had no answer to that.

Asked if there's a possibility, in view of Florida's phenomenal growth, that the southern United States may get their first cardinal soon, perhaps that the Archbishop himself might be elevated, Archbishop McCarthy responded, "Your guess is as good as mine."

Despite the division, the Archdiocese of Miami remains the largest in Florida in terms of Catholic population, with more than 700,000, down from one million.

Marjorie Donohue, director of the Archdiocese Bureau of Information, contributed to this story.

ACTION PLAN

A human approach to solving racial, ethnic community problems

My beloved in Christ:

On July 27 and 28, the Metro-Miami Action Plan will host the Second Annual Community Conference to review its accomplishments and plan continued progress in solving the problems of the Blacks and the poor of our community. The Action Plan is the work of public officials, of businessmen, educators and other leaders of the private sector.

The MMAP has identified as its goals 176 recommended actions in the area of education, employment, housing, economics, development, criminal justice and Federal-State negotiations. As the members assemble, they will find satisfaction in achievements such as the Liberty City Job Center, which is now placing 400 applicants a month and a \$1.4 million Ford Foundation Economic Development grant. They realize, however, that their efforts are only just beginning. Much more needs to be accomplished.

The MMAP deserves full cooperation by all who are concerned for our community and who are committed to interracial justice and brotherhood. I encourage participation.

What the success of MMAP pro-

posals need especially is something that religious minded people are able to contribute — namely, *motivation*. To the 176 recommended actions, there needs to be added one more — the growth of an awareness that we need to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is good for community pride to solve social problems. It is good for business. It will free us of crime and of the fear of crime.

'Miami's valiant efforts to reclaim itself will only succeed when the ghosts of indifference and self-serving license are replaced by a new dedicated spirit of brotherly love.'

But for religious minded people there is a yet more powerful motive. Concern for social problems is concern for our brothers and sisters. And this is at the very center of genuine religion.

When Jesus was asked what we must do to be saved, He quoted the Old Testament, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19, 18; Deuteronomy 16, 5) And in the parable of the Good Samaritan, He taught that everyone is our neighbor.

Our community cannot renew itself, no matter how many buildings it builds or conferences it holds, unless it renews the spirit, unless it develops a spirit worthy of its gifts, its potential and its place in history.

What troubles the spirit of our community, of our people, is indifference. Our motivation is weak, our spirit is weak because we have been unfaithful to spiritual values. We have been drugged by the spirit of selfishness and self-indulgence.

Our media, our entertainment seem to delight in ridiculing people of the sincere faith from which commitment flows. Flaunting of conscience for free self-indulgence is glamorized. Spiritual values are lost as the family deteriorates. And indifference to religion and moral values is implied in public education.

It is the capacity to care that gives life its deepest significance. Miami's valiant efforts to reclaim itself will

only succeed when the ghosts of indifference and self-serving license are replaced by a new dedicated spirit of brotherly love — when the Magic City glows with a unique new image of men and women of many languages and colors, sincerely caring about each other. As Ghandi once said, "Love is the most humble, yet the most powerful force the world possesses."

This is the magic that needs to electrify the efforts of MMAP. I appeal to Miamians of these ideals to bring them to the work of MMAP.

The Archdiocese on its part is inaugurating this September a Year of Love and Christian Witness. I pray that this will create for Catholics a new awakening to their responsibility for all of their brothers and sisters in the community. I invite all the members of our community to join us in the spiritual support of the Metro-Miami Action Plan, as we seek to renew Miami by renewing its spiritual values.

**Devotedly yours in Christ,
Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami**

Venice's Bishop Nevins...

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

He's as joyful as a kid, this Bishop-designate of Venice, bubbling with enthusiasm over his "new adventure."

He's also a trifle scared, but that's to be expected when a man has been chosen by the Pope to start up a diocese from scratch.

"It's a natural fear because it's a new adventure," said Bishop John J. Nevins, new leader of more than 100,000 Catholics on Florida's Southwest coast, in an interview with *The Voice* this week.

BISHOP NEVINS, until now the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Miami, will be leaving soon for a

place he hardly knows, the newly-created Diocese of Venice.

Sure, he has visited Fort Myers — but that was many years ago, when he headed Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Miami.

"I don't know that area very well," he admitted. "I'll have to learn" about many things.

He expects his best teachers to be the priests, religious and laity of his new diocese, whom he'll need "desperately, because I don't know everything." They, in turn, will become his top priority, especially the clergy.

"**I DON'T THINK** there's a greater group of people than our priests and religious and deacons and seminarians here in this great Church of Miami," said the bishop-

designate. "I am confident this same greatness is going to be found on the west coast as well."

But priests and religious, most of them overworked, need help from the laity, and Bishop Nevins pledged to emphasize this by striving "to bring a conscience of the doctrine and documents of Vatican II into the Church of Venice." The let-the-priests-do-it attitude "is not Vatican II," he stressed.

Strengthening family life will receive equal priority. "If we don't bring our families together, we have such lack of unity and lack of contentment and peace.

"I'd really love to say in my ministry... that I did my best to bring a unified Christian family together, to strengthen family life

and to bring healing to many broken lives," he said.

Of special concern will be single parents, "who need our love, our attention, our compassion. But we can't just have empty words. It's got to be action."

As a "sensible pastor," however, he will proceed cautiously before instituting new programs or diocesan structures, giving himself time to heed the counsel of the people and clergy of the new diocese.

"**AS BISHOPS**, we should be very present to our people," he said. "We have to give time, and our attention, and to listen to their concerns... That which we can accomplish, we will do it. But I really

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Bishop Nevins to Miamians

Excerpts from Bishop Nevins' statement at the press conference in Miami:

Interestingly enough, it will be twenty-four years ago this coming Friday, July 20th, when I first arrived in Miami. Most of my priesthood has been serving the people in South Florida, especially in Greater Miami.

I love the people of Florida, and when I leave the people of Miami in a few months to serve my new family in the Diocese of Venice, I will take with me treasured memories of a beautiful and generous people right here. I will always consider Miami one of my cherished homes.

Many years ago in a homily that I delivered at St. Mary Cathedral, I called Miami the "Pearl of the South," and that it truly is. And, when I say that Miami has a generous people, I like to refer to a statement which the Archbishop offered a couple of years ago, that the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor should really be transported to Biscayne Bay because of the generous spirit of the citizens in South Florida in assisting and welcoming the multi-thousands of refugees. God bless Miami!

I have served under two Bishops here in South Florida. Archbishop

Coleman F. Carroll was a builder with vision and courage. Our present Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy has been an example of priestly love and concern, while possessing a unique vision of the Church whose ministry encompasses all people. From both of these Bishops I have learned much which will enable me to serve more effectively the people of God in the new Diocese of Venice, Florida.

I shall miss the priestly and fraternal example of our other auxiliary Bishop, Agustin Roman, who for the past five years has worked tirelessly with Archbishop McCarthy in our service to the Archdiocese of Miami.

I must not forget to mention the outstanding priests, religious, deacons, seminarians, and dedicated Catholic people of this Archdiocese. You know the love and respect that I have for each of you. You will not be forgotten!...

I look forward to meeting the priests, religious and deacons of the new Diocese of Venice with whom I will be sharing the privilege of serving and ministering to God's people. I know many of them already. They are dedicated men and women. God bless them all...

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would need time, not to rush too quickly."

In his view, talking with all the people will be the most rewarding

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part of the job.

"Being behind a desk is not my great forte. I like being out, just to be with the priests and the people, because that way I can accomplish more as a bishop, as a pastor. I need to hear our people and to meet with them so I'm not a stranger to them," he said.

The relative smallness of the Diocese of Venice, 100,000 Catholics compared to 700,000 in the Archdiocese of Miami, will be a blessing, because "I'll be able to meet a great number of people and

to gradually know the young people by name."

The only son of his 75-year old widowed mother, Bishop Nevins eventually hopes to take her to live

with him in the new diocese. "That would be nice for her," he said.

What will he miss about Miami?

"**THE GREAT** fraternity of the priests and religious," he responded without hesitation. "I'm going to miss them immensely."

Despite persistent rumors which insisted that he would eventually lead a new diocese, Bishop Nevins said he was "absolutely surprised" when Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal pro-nuncio in the United States,

called to tell him he had been chosen as first bishop of Venice.

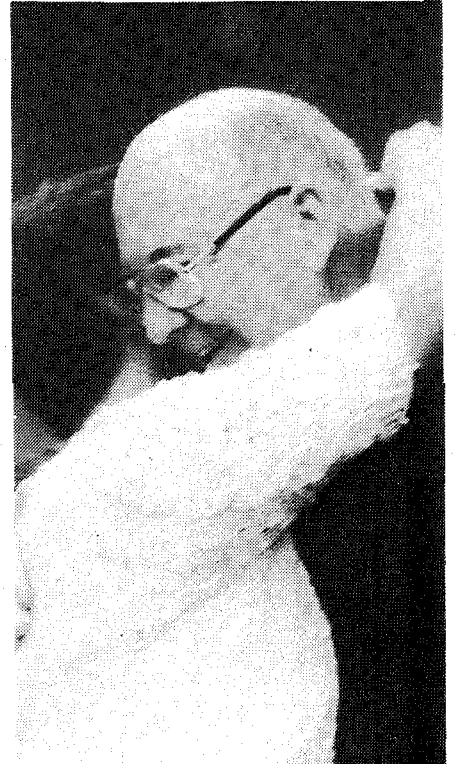
Such rumors are "a natural thing" anywhere auxiliary bishops are present, but "it does not necessarily follow that way. Nor would I have been disappointed if I were to stay, because I love the Church of Miami... It's so lively and there's so much work to do."

IN FACT, he doesn't feel like he is "leaving," at all.

Florida "is my home state now," said the native New Yorker, who nevertheless has spent 24 of his 52 years, "close to half my life," ministering in South Florida.

Venice has a nice ring to it, he added. "There's something about that," being appointed to head a diocese named after a city he always has longed to visit.

Three popes have been Venetians, he noted: Pius X, known for his



Bishop John Nevins gets congratulatory hug from St. Benedict parishioner Rosemary Ortega before press conference in Miami. (Voice photo)

work with the Eucharist, "a sign of unity"; John XXIII, who transformed the Church by calling the Second Vatican Council; and John Paul I, whose ever-present smile was "a gift to the world."

Bishop Nevins said he wanted his ministry in the Diocese of Venice to be patterned on the example of those three men. "I'm not afraid to work and I do love the people."

As for more practical matters, such as where he will sleep in a brand new diocese that lacks a chancery: "I hope they have a little cot for me in a corner" of the Cathedral rectory, he joked.

The little boy, eager for adventure, is ready to camp out.



Bishop Nevins enjoys talking with people, such as this youth group in Miami. (Voice photo)

Statement to people of Venice

This morning, His Holiness, Pope John II, announced the wonderful and exciting news about the establishment of the new Diocese of Venice, Florida. The surprising and yet humbling additional news is that he has nominated me as its first Bishop.

Without hesitation and in the spirit of joyful priestly commitment to serve the Church anytime and anywhere, I now publicly express my gratitude, respect and loyalty to the Bishop of Rome, as the Vicar of Christ on earth. I thank him for the trust and confidence that he has placed in me, and I promise to serve and collaborate with the priests, religious and laity of the Church of Venice so as to nurture the light of Christ in each individual, each family, and in each missionary effort, both at home and abroad.

Building up the Body of Christ, the Church, in our new Diocese of Venice will call for the active participation of each man, woman and child. I cannot do it alone, nor do I know everything there is to know. Therefore, my first words to the Catholics of the ten counties that comprise the new Diocese is to invite you to join with me in being living witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to challenge you to commit yourselves once again to this sacred trust which is ours.

In the mind and ideals of Christ, the family occupies a fundamental and illustrious place. Its honor does not consist in riches and external show, but rather in the brilliance of the moral values which distinguish it and its possession of a good name before God and society.

I desire to build up and support the family life of the Church of Venice, and when necessary to assist and heal those families, both contained and single-parented, as well as individuals, both young and elderly, who are hurting so much. By the grace of God and our own determined spirit, we will accomplish much for all families.

Again, the teachings of Christ must be meditated upon. They must become part and parcel of our inner being, and show themselves in our actions as private individuals as citizens. Our entire lives must be orientated around faith, truth and justice. This alone is the charity that builds, and in this charity we must "edify one another" (1 Thessalonians 5:11), as we take our first step in developing the Church of Venice.

Venice — what a beautiful and melodious name. I consider it a distinct privilege to have been chosen to be the first shepherd of this new diocese. For you see, we have only to review the history of Roman Catholicism to note that the Patriarchal See of Venice in Italy, known the world-over as a Church that has always loved Christ, known as a staunch defender of the faith, is also a diocese that has always been loyal to the successor of Saint Peter, the Pope.

From that great See we can recognize such names as Pope St. Pius X, Pope John XXIII, and Pope John Paul I. May we Catholics, of Venice, Florida, be a people of the eucharist, true to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, and express a joyful heart and spirit to everyone in the communities in which we live.

In conclusion, I wish to convey my prayerful and special greetings, to my brother priests, religious and laity in the three great dioceses from whom is formed the Church of Venice, namely, the Archdiocese of Miami, and the Dioceses of Saint Petersburg and Orlando.

Greetings and blessing also go on this happy day to the leaders of the Protestant and Jewish faiths. In the spirit and command of the Second Vatican Council I look forward to meeting and working with you in those collaborative ways which will be for the common good of each community within our respective jurisdictions.

You and I worship one Lord — let us work unceasingly for the Kingdom of God on earth. To all men, women and children of good will, I send my greetings and love. May God bless your families.

Venice rector has seen it all and built a lot of churches



Fr. Esteban Soy

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Father Esteban Soy, like any good father, has helped his family go through growing pains to finally emerge strong, productive and mature.

The new rector of Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, has seen three dioceses split since he came to Florida from Spain in 1957. Fr. Soy first worked in St. Augustine, until the Miami Archdiocese was split up in 1968. Then came St. Petersburg and this week's split of Venice and Palm Beach.

"Each time the Church reaches more people, adds more priests and more social services, Catholics everywhere reap the benefits," he said.

GONE ARE the days when Fr. Soy used to drive a station wagon from Delray Beach in the mornings to

Belgrade in the evenings to give Mass and deliver the Gospel message. Now he ministers in a modern-day church dedicated in 1980 and declared a cathedral in 1984. In place of three-ring binders, Fr. Soy is aided in his ministry by a sophisticated computer system with five million characters to handle collection envelopes, balance financial ledgers and keep detailed records.

His colorful career as a priest started more than 20 years ago in Spain when he used to hero-worship two uncles and a cousin who were priests. He also used to listen in Mass to the gentle words of parish priests and he grew to feel at home before the altar. After he was ordained on May 31, 1952 he became a member of the OCSHA society of diocesan priests, with a Pan American seminary based in Madrid, Spain. Under the auspices of the Bishop's commission, Fr. Soy was sent to work in South America as well as Spain.

In 1957 he answered a call from the late Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine who expressed a need for Spanish-speaking priests to minister to Hispanics in the United States.

"When OCSHA priests came to Florida they were free to join the Diocese... they were officially incarnated," he explained.

When the Diocese of Miami was formed in 1968, Fr. Soy was sent to work with migrants in Homestead.

HE BECAME enamored of "the

simplicity of their ways. They were poor materially but so rich in culture and spirit."

As a caring shepherd he helped them keep their traditions alive. "When a Hispanic girl turns 15, she is introduced to society through a

'Each time, the Church reaches more people, adds more priests and social services. Catholics everywhere reap the benefits.'

—Fr. Esteban G. Soy

Church ceremony. The Church is always central in their lives. They are devoted to the Blessed Mother." Also, Fr. Soy admires the way migrant families travel together and keep close spiritual links.

In 1961 Fr. Soy became administrator of St. Paul parish in Arcadia. From 1964 to 1976 he served as pastor of St. Andrew parish at Cape Coral and he was sent to Epiphany Church at Venice in 1976 where he most recently served as pastor until the diocese split this month.

He looks upon all of his past religious challenges and moves throughout the dioceses as the 'bread' of his life.

He has been instrumental in building many churches. Even when

property wasn't available in Arcadia, the priest spent long hours convincing parishioners to dedicate themselves to the task, personally raising funds and serving as an unfailing symbol of their future.

HE HAS BUILT St. Ann's in Naranja, St. Michael at Wachula, and St. Andrew at Cape Coral, Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal at Pine Island and Jesus the Worker at Fort Myers.

Thus he has been both a witness and a collaborator in the Church's growth in Florida. He has watched a seedbed of faith become a flourishing tree of faith with many branches.

"This latest split is another positive step in the Church's future. Venice has been the appendix of the diocese. Now the diocese will be small and compact. Our work will be smoother. And we won't have to travel to Miami for meetings, he added with a laugh.

As for other priests in Venice, Fr. Soy feels confident they too will be celebrating the formation of the new diocese. Many have already expressed their admiration of Bishop John J. Nevins, who will assume the duties of pastor of Epiphany Cathedral.

"He is a fine man, well respected... we look forward to having him with us, said Fr. Soy.

As a man who has worked in four dioceses, and traveled thousands of miles through the kingdom of God in Florida, Fr. Soy feels he is blessed.

"Things just keep on getting better."

From movie house to cathedral...

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

The first altar at Epiphany Church in Venice was "between the popcorn stand and the soft-drink dispensers" when parishioners used an old movie theater to celebrate Mass. In the darkness and excitement of Saturday night entertainment, popcorn boxes and candy wrappers were strewn on floors where the next morning, pious worshippers would kneel.

That was before 1935, when the church was erected as a mission church of St. Martha parish in Sarasota by Monsignor Charles Elslander.

Since its inception years ago, Epiphany — which means the coming of learned ones from the East — has become a home to visitors from throughout the United States. Many of the members travel to Florida to live for part of the year and then return to their native cities. The church has re-built twice, constructed a thriving school and added with its latest building, dozens of graphically illustrated windows by the world-renown artist, Fr. Domingo Iturgaiz.

As of this week, the church adds another cornerstone to its colorful history. With the formation of the new Diocese of Venice, Epiphany Church is now Epiphany Cathedral. The announcement has been met with joy by parishioners who recall the church's humble beginnings and struggles to survive bleak periods.

In its earliest days, Masses were attended by Catholic students and faculty of the Kentucky Military Academy, some of the personnel from the Venice Army Air Base and a scattered handful of Catholics who



Epiphany Cathedral in Venice began as a mission church in 1935. From its humble beginnings as a wooden building it became a magnificent edifice serving more than 2,000 parishioners. A school was added in 1959.

lived around Venice.

In 1947 Monsignor Elslander obtained a surplus military chapel from the Venice Army Air Base. It was thereafter sawed into two sections and transported to the corner of Tampa Avenue and Nassau Street and the building was refurbished to become Epiphany Church. It was razed in 1980 to make way for the present church.

In 1954, the first pastor, Father Michael M. Reynolds was appointed. Fr. Noah E. Brunner was appointed interim administrator during late

1955 and early 1956 because of the illness of Fr. Reynolds. Father George W. Cummings was appointed second pastor in September, 1956.

After just six months construction work, the school was erected in November, 1959. In December 1959, a new Catholic Church of the Epiphany was built to accommodate a rapidly growing membership.

Fr. Esteban G. Soy was named the third pastor on June 13, 1976.

By 1977 the parish was still growing like a healthy teenager. A utility building had to be erected in the

school building to provide space for extra masses and activities. On Sunday, February 14, 1979, ground was broken for a new church by Monsignor W. Thomas Larkin, then interim administrator of the diocese. On June 29, 1980, bishop W. Thomas Larkin — bishop of St. Petersburg dedicated the edifice as a church in the services of God.

And today, the humble church that was once a movie house, a surplus army building sawed in two and a warm sanctuary for tourists — has been elevated to Cathedral.

'I want...to show the way to the one fold, to the dispersed and the lost.'

Pastor/administrator new PB bishop

By George E. Ryan
Special to *The Voice*
(Courtesy the *Boston Pilot*)

An effective administrator with pastoral experience as a missionary in Latin America will be taking over as Bishop of the newly-created Diocese of Palm Beach this October.

"I shall strive with whatever gifts the Lord has given to me to follow

**'He will
make a
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—Abp. McCarthy

in the footsteps of the Lord," Bishop-designate Thomas Daily pledged the people of his new diocese during a press conference in Boston the day the announcement was made.

"I WANT VERY much to proclaim the truth which enlightens the world, to bring life which makes the faithful partakers in the Divine Nature, and as the good shepherd, to show the way to the One fold to the dispersed and the lost."

"I want very much to serve in love God's people, priests, deacons, religious, and faithful of the Diocese of Palm Beach," he said, adding that he would sorely miss the "fraternity" he has always enjoyed with "all the clergy and religious

sisters and brothers and all of the laity of this great Archdiocese . . ."

Bishop Daily's formal Installation is expected to take place in St. Ignatius Cathedral, Palm Beach Gardens, in late October. Meanwhile, he will remain in Boston.

A NATIVE OF Boston, born Sept. 23, 1927, bishop Daily is the eldest of the four sons of John F. (deceased) and Mary McBride (Vose) Daily. He is an alumnus of Belmont High, Boston College, and St. John's Seminary in Brighton.

One brother, Father Vincent E. Daily, is Administrator of St. John and St. Hugh Parish in Roxbury. His other brothers are John and Bernard Daily, the latter of Naugatuck, Connecticut.

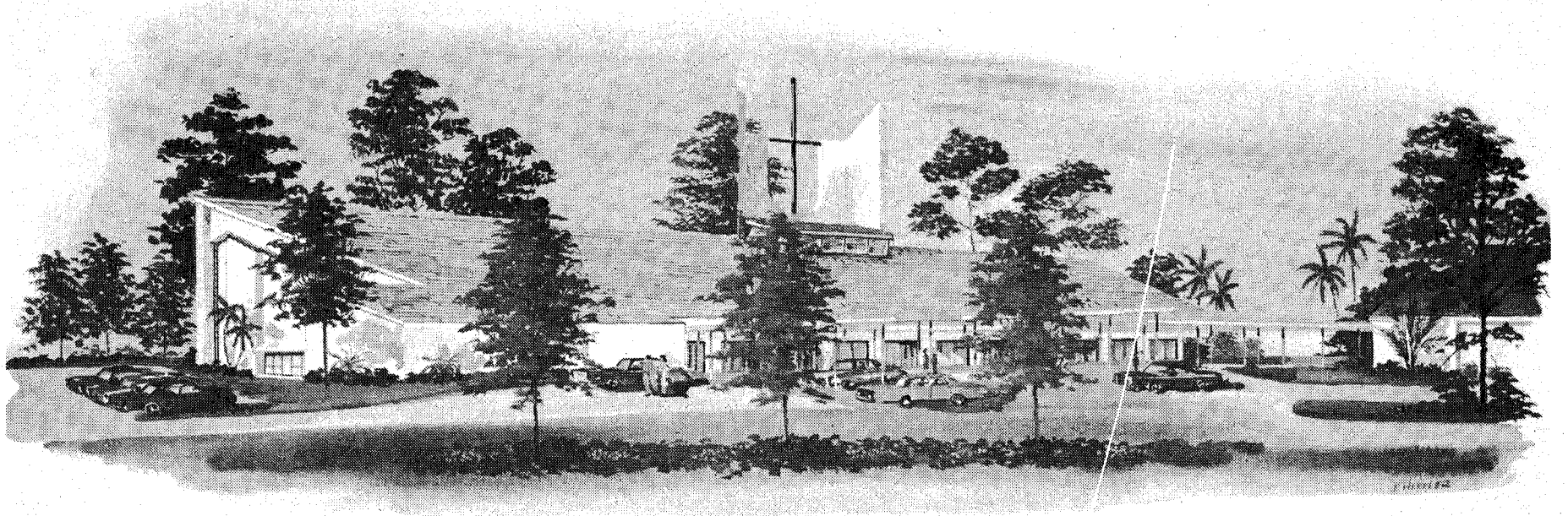
Bishop Daily was ordained by the late Cardinal Richard J. Cushing on Jan. 10, 1952. He served twice as associate pastor in St. Ann Parish, Wollastop—once prior to serving five years as a member of the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle in Peru, and again following his service in South America.

In addition to service as Chancellor, Vicar for Temporalities, and Vicar General, Bishop Daily also has been Deanery Director of Vocations, Secretary to Cardinal Medeiros, Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Archdiocesan Consultor, Coordinator and Episcopal Moderator of the Spanish Apostolate. He served as Administrator of the Boston Archdiocese for the six months prior to Archbishop Bernard Law's

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Bishop Thomas Daily answers media questions in Boston



Modern cathedral under construction

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

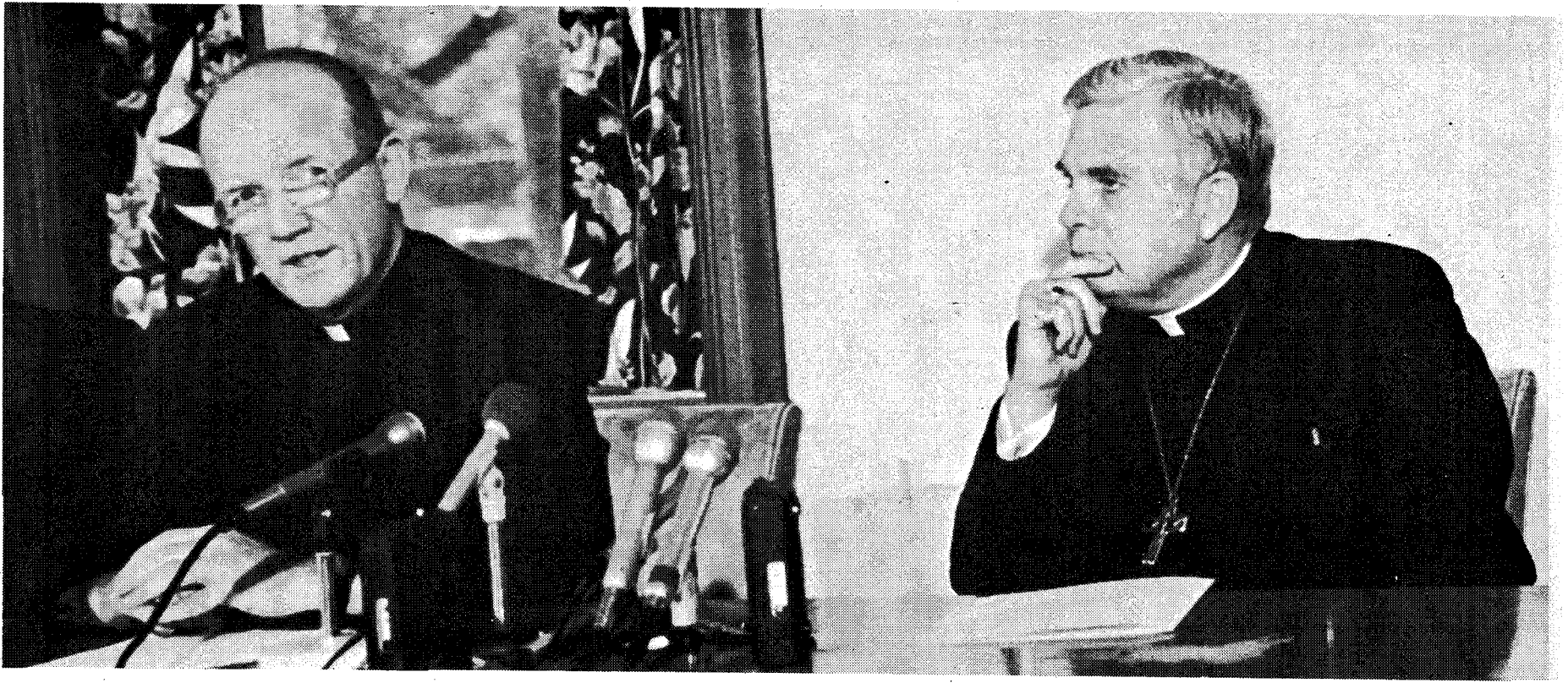
Rising 75-feet high toward the heavens, a bell tower with a dramatic metal cross which bridges an open, inverted arch, will mark the site of the new St. Ignatius Loyola Cathedral, under construction in Palm Beach Gardens and set for dedication ceremonies at 5:30 p.m. on October 6.

The contemporary house of worship will serve approximately 2,000 families in parts of Palm Beach Gardens, Lake Park and Riviera Beach. An area of 16,000 square feet will accommodate approximately 1,000 worshippers.

The chapel, which seats 150, will be used daily for Mass, small weddings and funerals. It will be separated from the main section of the church by a floor to ceiling glass wall on which the 14 Stations of the Cross will be etched.

Featured on the northeast wall of the building, will be an 8-foot by 30-foot vertical "rose" stained glass window, flanked by two smaller glass windows for enhancement.

Pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola is Bishop Thomas Daily. Assistant pastors are Fr. Henry Mullin and Fr. Pius O'Dea. Fr. Frank Flynn, current pastor, will be rector or chief administrator under the bishop. "Brother Joe" Ranieri is deacon.



New Palm Beach Bishop Thomas Daily at press conference while Archbishop Bernard Law looks on.

'Mixed emotions of Boston's archbishop

Statement by Archbishop Bernard F. Law on the occasion of the Holy Father's selection of Boston's Bishop Thomas Vose Daily as bishop of Palm Beach, Florida:

This morning's announcement that Pope John Paul II has chosen Boston's own Bishop Thomas Vose Daily to be the first Bishop of the new diocese of Palm Beach in Florida is of obvious significance for the Archdiocese, and for me, personally.

I, knew Bishop Daily before coming to Boston. His reputation as a cheerful, capable, and completely dedicated Churchman has been widely recognized. Since arriving in Boston, however, I have relied upon him as my closest collaborator, - and he has become my very dear friend. I rejoice in the Holy Father's singular confidence in him by appointing Bishop Daily the founding bishop of this newly created diocese.

At the same time, I would be less than honest if I neglected to say that this appointment finds me with mixed emotions. It is a bitter-sweet occasion. Already, I am beginning to feel the loss to the laity, religious, deacons and priests of this Archdiocese - and, indeed to me, personally. Palm Beach's gain is Boston's loss.

In particular, my thoughts and prayers go out to his mother who will experience, most keenly, his leaving.

But, on a lighter note, I know that his many friends in Boston will rejoice, as do I, that he is now the Bishop of Palm Beach, Florida, and we will look forward to visiting him - especially in the winter.

Bernard Law
Archbishop of Boston

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Father Bruce Ritter



PREDATORS AND PROUD FATHERS

The predator at our door was about 30, a dark, lank, straight-haired, bleached-blond, bitter-faced woman. Her quarry, 17-year-old Richie, was safe inside.

"I want him," she raged. "He agreed to work for me."

Our security people were not polite. "He doesn't want to go with you," one said curtly. The bitter-faced woman turned to leave, malevolence incarnate.

Richie, a really good kid, had arrived at Covenant House a few days earlier begging food and Pampers for his 18-month-old baby—abandoned by her junkie mother and being cared for by him in a cheap hotel. The room rent was being paid by six prostitutes who had taken pity on the homeless and incompetent young father.

"Jaime's hungry," Richie said. "She doesn't eat too often. I haven't either." We quickly provided Pampers for the baby and food for both.

"We can't go home," he told us. "My stepfather doesn't want anything to do with us. We've been on the street for about a year, usually with some friends. I rip people off to get money to feed her. Sometimes I have to hustle johns." The beautiful baby squirmed in his arms. "She's a good baby; she doesn't cry at all when I hold her...."

Richie and Jaime stayed on with us at Covenant House, and our staff began the difficult and sensitive process of trying to help a young street kid get his life back in order.

Richie's brief history—a runaway at 14—gave us an all-too-familiar glimpse into that netherworld of the Strip; the smoking hell beneath the bright lights and glitter and crowds.

"I didn't like ripping people off," he said. "I never hurt anybody. I didn't like hustling johns either. Last month this woman offered me \$500 to, to...." (he flushed and dropped his head) "to have sex with her on stage in front of a lot of people. It's pretty bad you have to look happy when you do it. At least you can't see the customers though—the lights are too bright. But I'm afraid of her," Richie said. "She wants me to work for her some more."

There are a couple hundred other kids who really needed us this week.

Father Bruce Ritter, OFM Conv., is the founder and President of Covenant House, which operates crisis centers for homeless and runaway boys and girls all over the country.

Laurie, 13—a classic middle-class runaway from a classic middle-class family—was picked off by a pimp last week and raped and brutalized before finally being put out on the street to make some money. Early Monday morning, Laurie had the wit and the courage to escape and come to Covenant House.

Beth, originally from Pittsburgh, came in last night, tired, cynical, desperate—older inside her mind and heart than any of us will ever get. She's 17 now, has been a prostitute since 15. You might say she came by it naturally. You see, her mother—a prostitute—was killed by her pimp. (The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.)

"Seventeen-year-old Richie arrived at Covenant House begging food and Pampers for his 18-month-old baby."

Sometimes people write me very concerned about the traces of anger or sadness that occasionally appear in my talks and in my letters. Although I try pretty hard to control these feelings, I'm not always successful. It's their faces. Kid's faces are supposed to be happy and open and excited and alive. Their eyes should be filled with trust and innocence.

My kids' faces are worn and cold; their eyes filled with fear. Richie and Laurie and Beth know the chances are downright excellent that they will not make it. I mean they will die. Quite young, deformed and made ugly by an industry that caters to our pleasures. Society (that's us) has been unable—or unwilling—to protect these kids or punish their exploiters. Meanwhile, quite literally outside our doors roam—and wait—the predators, the pimps—and a bitter-faced woman.

It's very hard to be true to the dangers and suffering my kids face every day and always be upbeat. Sometimes it's only the certain conviction that God loves these kids infinitely more than we do—even when they stand condemned by their own hearts—that makes it possible for me to meet tomorrow and next week and next month the hundreds of other kids who will come to our Covenant House Centers. And, sometimes, a letter from a friend on my mailing list makes me feel really great—like this one from a mother in Ohio:

Dear Father Bruce,

June

I just wanted you to know that the letters you send not only elicit a contribution from us, but have a profound

effect on our family life. We have a 16-year-old boy, the youngest of six, who definitely marches to his own drum. He has been reading your letters ever since you preached at our Church a year or so ago. He asks to see the letters and, I think, sees himself reflected in many of the situations you describe. His rebellions and experiments are tempering and he is developing into a very nice young man, although frequently headstrong. Your letters have made him realize, I think, that running from your problems never solves them; and that, although we may not be perfect, he does have a very intact, loving home.

Thanks for all your help. We pray God will give you the energy and fortitude to continue your ministry.

Cordially,

What a great letter! Boy, I needed that.

The only reason these kids have any chance at all is because our Covenant House Centers are here when they need a place to come, to run to—a place where they can be safe from the pimps and predators and johns. They're good kids. You shouldn't think they're not. It would be wrong for you to think they're not good kids. Most of them are simply trying to survive in a world totally hostile to kids all alone.

We are here for them because of you. Almost all of the money we need to help these kids comes from people like yourself who care about children. With summer here, we need your prayers and financial help more than ever. Please pray for us, we pray for you.

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The street is NO PLACE FOR A CHILD

PB bishop was missionary in Peru

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installation.

Bishop Daily speaks Spanish fluently and, with Dr. Martin Dunn, D.M.D., co-founded "Por Christo," a volunteer group which offers free Medical and dental assistance to the poor of Ecuador.

ARCHBISHOP LAW said the Holy Father's appointment was of "obvious significance for the Archdiocese of Boston and for me, personally." (The Archbishop saluted Bishop Daily as a "cheerful, capable, and completely dedicated Churchman," saying that he had already felt a sense of genuine separation from his "very dear friend . . . Palm Beach's gain is Boston's loss."

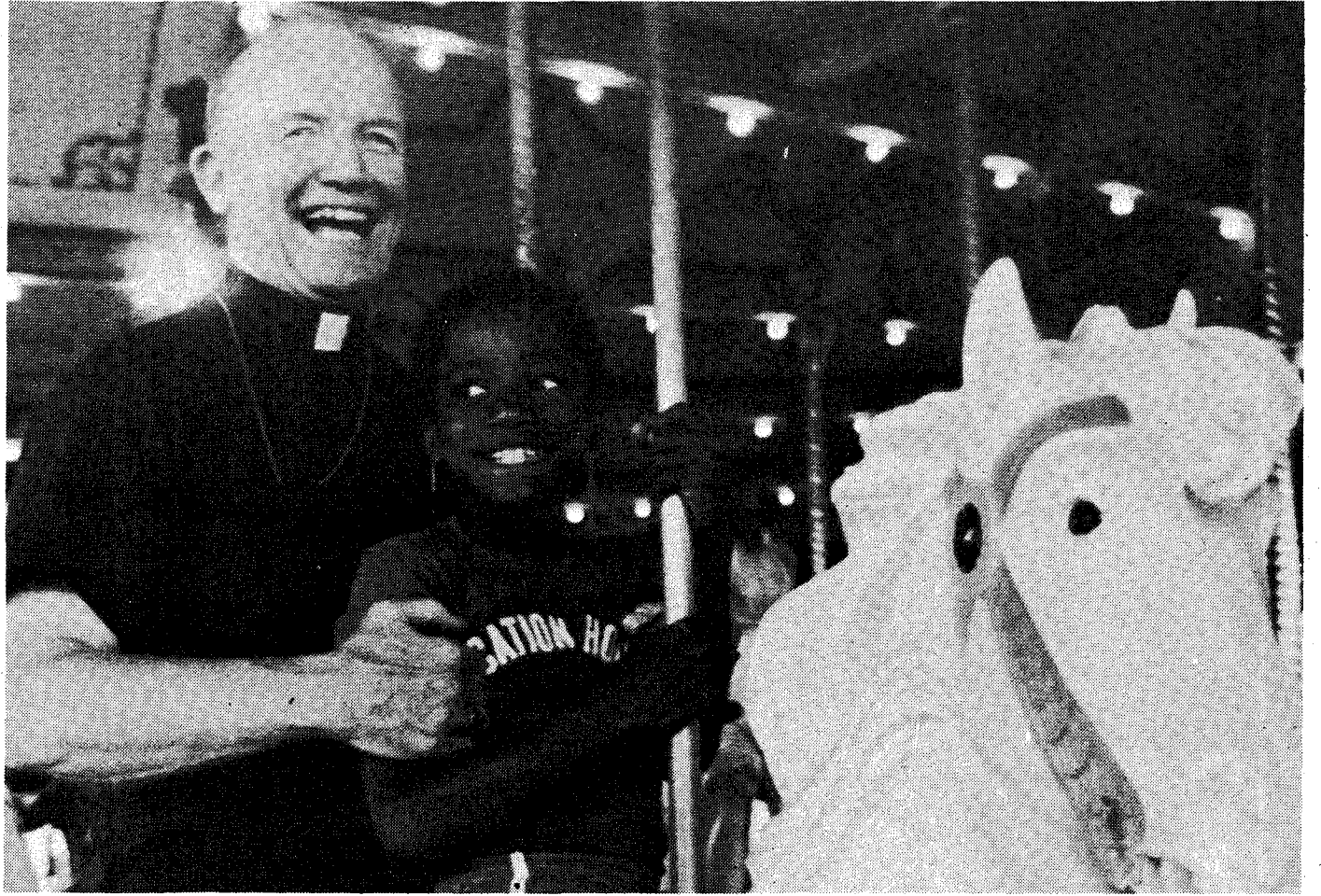
A statement timed to coincide with the formal announcement in Washington and in Boston, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy said that he welcomed "most warmly" the new Bishop of Palm Beach.

Bishop Daily's "experience as Auxiliary Bishop, Vicar General, and Chancellor in the Archdiocese of Boston," Archbishop McCarthy said, "prepares him eminently to serve the people of Palm Beach. He will make a great Floridian."

As the founding Ordinary of Palm Beach, Bishop Daily becomes the leader of 143 priests both diocesan and religious, 82 religious women, 13 deacons, and four brothers.

Palm Beach contains 37 parishes, the oldest, St. Ann, founded in 1913, and St. Ignatius Loyola in Palm Beach Gardens, which has been designated the See's Cathedral.

Palm Beach has 16 elementary schools, four high schools, two retreat houses, one cloistered monastery, and St. Vincent de Paul's Seminary at Boynton Beach, a regional seminary which serves all



Bishop Daily rides with underprivileged youngster on summer outing in Nantucket, Mass.

seven of the State's Catholic sees.

THE NEW DIOCESE also contains a variety of residences (for senior citizens, geriatric patients and unwed mothers), a Haitian Catholic Center, one cemetery, child care and development centers, a Catholic Family Services office, and one church-related hospital.

As a Boston Auxiliary and Titular Bishop of Bladia, Bishop Daily has used the official motto, "Dominus Lux Mea" (the Lord is my light), and a coat of arms featuring elements associated with the Daily

family, with Thomas Aquinas, the Bishop's baptismal patron, with Our Lady, and—a scallop shell—the Society of St. James the Apostle.

As Ordinary in Palm Beach, Bishop Daily will retain this device in the right side of his ecclesiastical arms, while the left side will contain symbols relating to the See itself; the latter device has yet to be

designed.

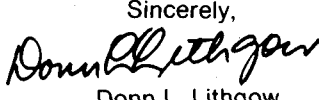
Bishop Daily's new See was created from territory formerly a part of the Archdiocese of Miami and the Diocese of Orlando. The Diocese of Palm Beach includes five Florida counties and nearly five thousand square miles. Its Catholic population is 103,361 out of a total population of nearly 900,000.

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Above, parishioners gather in the church's multi-purpose room for Mass where attendance is overflowing. A new church is under construction.

Statement of new PB bishop

I am deeply grateful to all of you — ladies and gentlemen of the media — for coming this morning for this press conference. May God bless you and yours for your kindness.

Humbly and gratefully do I announce to you the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II's nomination of me as the first bishop of the newly created Diocese of Palm Beach in Florida. This announcement was made this

morning earlier by His Excellency, the Most Rev. Pio Laghi, Apostolic Pro Nuncio of the Vatican, in Washington. It is also being made by the Archbishop of Miami, the Most Rev. Edward McCarthy.

The actual creation and installation ceremony will take place in the Cathedral of St. Ignatius at Palm Beach Gardens in October of this year and obviously you are all most

welcome.

I wish to assure you and through you God's people in the new Diocese of Palm Beach that, as the first bishop, I shall strive with whatever gifts the Lord has given to me to follow in the footsteps of the Lord Jesus Christ and his Vicar, Pope John Paul II.

I want very much to proclaim the truth which enlightens the world, to bring life which makes the faithful partakers in the divine nature, and, as the good shepherd, to show the way to the one fold to the dispersed and the lost.

Edified and inspired by Cardinal Cushing's love for the Church Universal, Cardinal Medeiros' Christ-like compassion for the poor and forgotten, and Archbishop Law's apostolic vision and dynamic zeal. I want very much to serve in love God's

people, priests, deacons, religious and faithful of the Diocese of Palm Beach.

There is no question that I will miss the Archdiocese of Boston — especially the fraternity of our new archbishop, the auxiliary bishops, the priests — indeed all the clergy and religious sisters and brothers and all of the laity of this great archdiocese with whom and for whom I have been singularly blessed these many years to be a priest and auxiliary bishop. In a very real way you made me what I am today by your prayers and your example in faith, hope and love.

May Mary Mother of the Church pray for us all. God bless!

Thomas V. Daily
Bishop - designate
Diocese of Palm Beach

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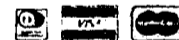
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Fla. Bishops always faced issues

By Thomas Horkan
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The new dioceses, and the new ordinaries, are welcome as signs of hope and confidence in the church's future in Florida.

The Province of Miami was established just 16 years ago, with the same boundaries as the state of Florida. The Church has grown even faster than the state of Florida, which is itself the fastest growing large state in the nation. The four dioceses in the new province soon became five, and now the province is divided into seven dioceses serving more than 1.5 million Catholics.

With the dynamic development of the state and the diverse in-migration from other states and other countries, the Bishops of Florida were faced with many critical moral and social issues. The church is organized in dioceses but many problems are provincewide, or statewide.

The bishops met as a province, and formed the Florida Catholic Conference to deal with statewide concerns of a social or public policy nature. The church in Florida was rapidly thrust into the forefront of many of these issues, such as:

Euthanasia — The first proposals for death with dignity laws were in Florida, and were made annually.

Abortion — Liberalized abortion laws were introduced in Florida commencing in 1967, and the Supreme Court opinion in *Roe v. Wade* exacerbated the issue.

Farmworkers — Florida has been the focus of national attention on abuses in migrant labor camps and other problems in agriculture.

Aged — Florida has the highest

percentage of aged population in the nation.

Refugees — Refugees from Asia, Africa and Europe were joined by the host of refugees from the Caribbean and Central and South America.

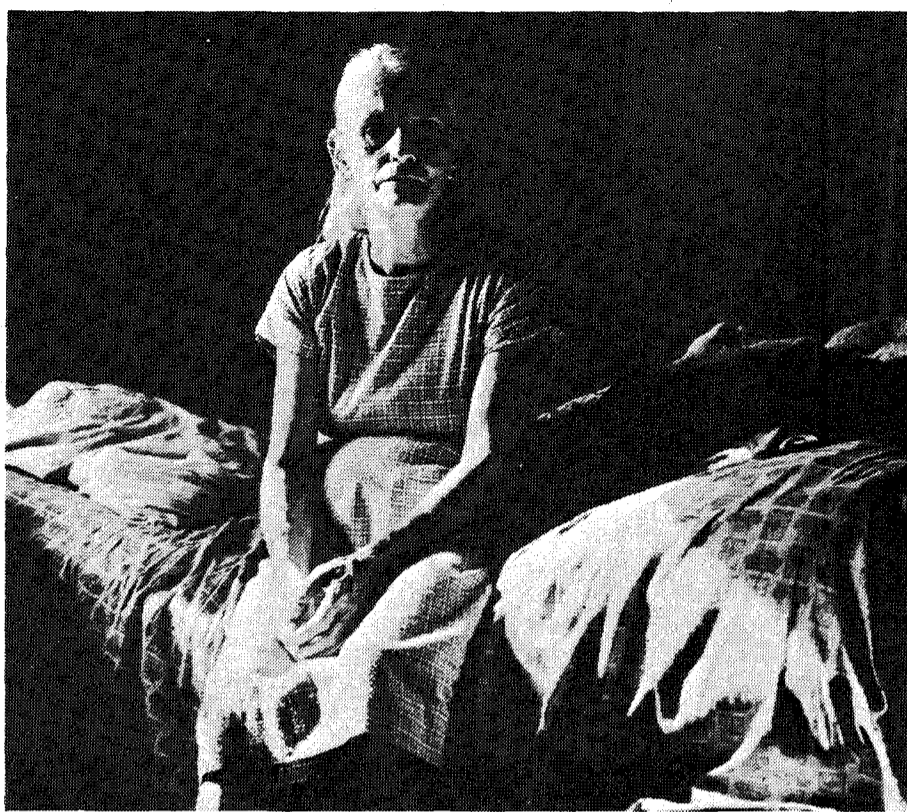
Capital Punishment — Florida has executed more prisoners than any other state, since capital punishment was reinstated; and has more prisoners sentenced to death and more on death row than any other state.

Health — Expanding population and changes in the delivery and financing of health care have had a greater impact on Florida than other states.

Education — The quality of education in parochial schools and in CCD and parish education programs is forced to keep pace with the problems of society.

Unity and harmony have been a mark of the Bishops of the Province of Miami since it was created. Each of the bishops has been committed to dealing with, not only the problems of the diocese, but also the problems of the larger community, of the rapidly growing church in Florida and especially the problems of the rapidly changing secular society.

They have met regularly, both in formal business meetings, retreats and liturgical and social occasions. In dealing with all of the above named issues and many others, the bishops have appointed commissions and task forces of the Conference with representation from each of the dioceses, always with one of the bishops being assigned as a moderator to the commission or task force, to serve as a means of communication and leadership. Much has been done, much remains to be done, but the church in



Florida attracts thousands of elderly retirees who come here to live out their golden years in the sun. Often they are plagued by financial problems, loneliness and illness. The bishops in this state have made the needs of these special citizens a priority issue.

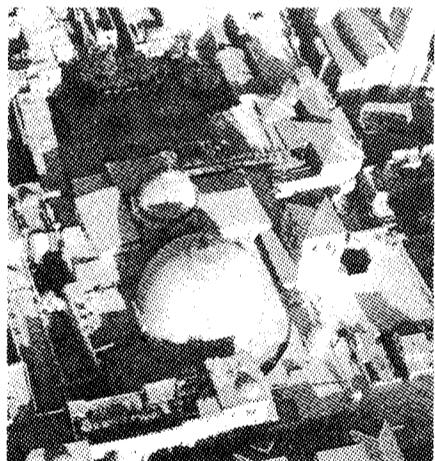
Florida continues with a sense of unity and commitment to try to deal with all of these problems.

The priests, religious and laity in Florida are part of this spirit of unity. All of the commissions and task forces of the diocese involve them in the statewide concerns of the Conference. The work of the church in the public arena, in affecting public policy is primarily done by the laity.

One group stands out in my mind for its vigor and efforts throughout the years and that is the Arch/Dioce-

san Councils of Catholic Women. They exemplify this spirit of unity, both among themselves and with the bishops and the entire Church, and fortunately, they have a great spirit of cooperation and unity with me and the entire staff at the Florida Catholic Conference.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I think we can look forward to the year 2000 with great optimism, both for the Church in Florida, and for all of society in our state and nation.



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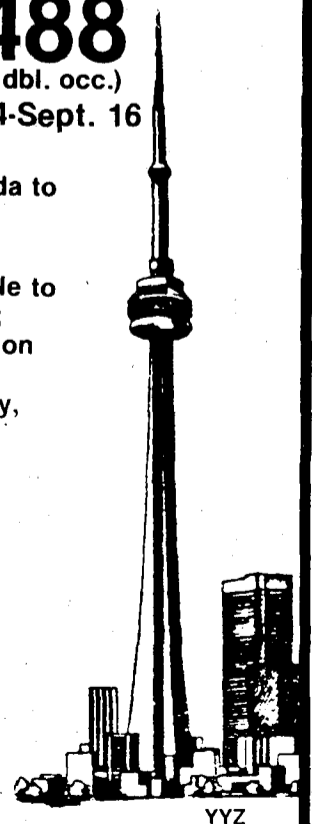
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HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS

Catholic Church in South Florida

• **YEAR 1870-1958** — The Diocese of St. Augustine included the entire State of Florida east of the Appalachian River. The remainder of Florida was in the Diocese of Mobile, Ala.

• **YEAR 1958** — Pope Pius XII established the Diocese of Miami which included the Counties of Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie. Auxiliary Bishop Coleman F. Carroll of Pittsburgh was appointed first Bishop of Miami. The Diocese of Miami had 51 parishes, five high schools (central), 1 parochial high and three private; 38 elementary schools, two special education schools, and 86 diocesan and religious order priests.

• **YEAR 1968** — Pope Paul VI elevated the Diocese of Miami to the rank of an Archdiocese and Bishop Carroll to an Archbishop, and established the Province of Miami with the formation of the Dioceses of St. Petersburg and Orlando, with Archbishop Carroll as Metropolitan.

At that time, the Diocese of Miami had 99 parishes, 17 missions, 15 diocesan high schools and 5 private high schools; 59 elementary schools and 326 diocesan and religious priests. The Archdiocese of Miami yielded eight counties including Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Indian River, Lee, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie.

Prior to this division the Archdiocese had founded in these counties 14 new parishes, two high schools, one hospital, elementary schools, missions. A total Catholic population of 400,000 was served by 305



In 1968, the Diocese of Miami became an Archdiocese, with founding Bishop Coleman Carroll assuming the title of Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Province of Florida. (Voice photo)

diocesan and religious priests, after the division, in the counties of Broward, Collier, Dade, Hendry, Glades, Martin, Monroe and Palm Beach. Counties yielded were included in the formation of the Dioceses of St. Petersburg and Orlando.

In its eight counties the Archdiocese of Miami had 85 parishes and

10 missions, as well as a large number of elementary and high schools, 40 social service facilities and other institutions.

• **YEAR 1977** — At the death of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy succeeded him as Archbishop of Miami and Metropolitan.

• **YEAR 1978** — The Archdiocese of Miami's Catholic population of some 700,000 was served by 485 diocesan and religious order priests and had 130 parishes in its eight counties as well as 62 elementary schools, 16 high schools and two special education schools.

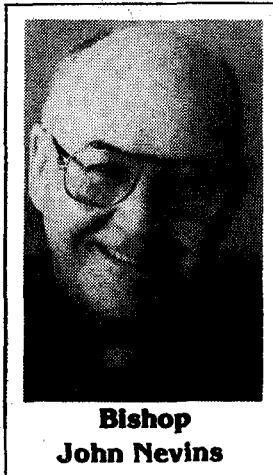
• **YEAR 1982** — On Jan. 1, 1982 the Archdiocese included 134 parishes and two missions staffed by 613 diocesan and religious priests, and the official Catholic Directory reported the Catholic population as one million in eight counties.

• **YEAR 1984** — At the beginning of 1984, the Archdiocese had 650 priests and 637 nuns working in 137 parishes, schools, retreat house and other facilities, as well as 71 permanent deacons. Since 1968 the Archdiocese of Miami has established 44 new parishes including 15 parishes which will now be in the Diocese of Palm Beach and three parishes now in the Diocese of Venice.

In addition, during this period the Archdiocese also built a high school in the Diocese of Palm Beach and a high school and elementary school in the Diocese of Venice.

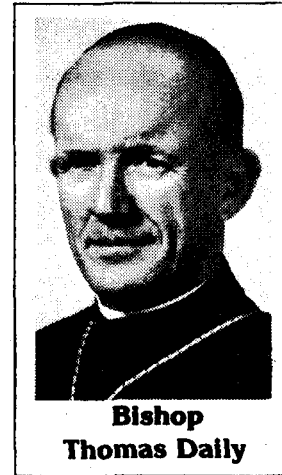
Needless to say, the Archdiocese of Miami has strong historical ties to the new dioceses. Since seven of the eight counties carved from the Archdiocese to form the Dioceses of St. Petersburg and Orlando, are now included in the formation of the new Dioceses of Palm Beach and Venice some Florida priests will now be serving Catholics of a fourth diocese since they began their priestly ministry. Likewise, some Catholic laity will be living in a fourth diocese under the spiritual leadership of a fourth bishop.

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