Booming growth in the Catholic population, as well as the long distances between Naples, Palm Beach and Miami, prompted the division, 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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They are sort of routine, just asking people to contact everybody. 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 people to fill out pledge cards at Mass and there's no longer the visiting or calling at home of people who missed it.

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 — "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 when 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 Nevin 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 piously 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.

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami
ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI STILL LARGEST IN STATE

Rapid growth leads to split

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In a prepared statement, the Arch- bishop 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 Miami parishes 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 announce- ment 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 Daly.

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 ses- sion 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 personnel 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 Arch- diocese is whether a new auxiliary bishop will be named to aid Bishops McCarthy and Roman. The Arch- bishop 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, Arch- bishop McCarthy responded, "Your guess is as good as mine."

Despite the division, the Arch- diocese 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 Sec- ond 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 as- semble, 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 Develop- ment grant. They realize, however, that their efforts are only just begin- ning. Much more needs to be ac- complished.

The MMAP deserves full coopera- tion by all who are concerned for our community and who are committed to interracial justice and brother- hood. 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 our- selves. 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 suc- ceed when the ghosts of inti- difference 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 con- cern for our brother and sister. 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 your 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 indif- ference. 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 selfindulgence.

Our media, our entertainment seem to delight in ridiculing people of the Old Faith from whose communities flows. Flaunting of conscience for selfindulgence is glamorized. Spiritual values are kept as family secrets. And this is at the very center of genuine religion.

If we are valiant people, if we are people who love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, if we are people who love our neighbor, then the ghosts of indifference and selfishness will be 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 Cardinal once said, "Love is the most humble, yet the most powerful force the world possesses."

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

The Archdiocese in part is in- augurating 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
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.

"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 Diocese 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 is 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.

"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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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. To all men, women and children of good will, I send my greetings and love. May God bless your families.

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.

John Nevins
Bishop of the Diocese of Venice
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 1953, 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 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 20,000 parishioners. A school was added in 1959.

By 1977 the parish was still growing rapidly with a membership of more than 2,000 parishioners. The school was erected in November, 1959, and transported to the corner of Tandem Avenue and Nassau Street and the building was refurbished to become Epiphany Cathedral. It was razed in 1980 to make way for the present church.

In 1954, the first pastor, Father Michael M. Reynolds was appointed. Father 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 Cathedral 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, 1976, ground was broken for a new church building by the building chairman, Fr. Domingo Iturgaiz.

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

— Fr. Esteban G. Soy

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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 great Floridian'—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, Wollaston—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 Consultant, 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 (Continued on page 9)

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.
Father Bruce Ritter

The predator at our door was about 30, a dark, lank, straight-haired, bleached-blond, 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 the pimps. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

"Seventy-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 places 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 despair. I know I do make mistakes. Sometimes I have to hustle Johns. Sometimes I have to hustle Johns. Sometimes I rip people off to get the money to feed her. Sometimes I have to hustle Johns.

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 pity on the baby and food for both.

Richie, another runaway, had arrived at Covenant House a few days earlier begging food and Pampers for his 18-month-old baby. Her quarry, 17-year-old Richie, was safe inside.

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

Our security people were thinner. "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 pity on the baby and food for both.

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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 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 seven of the State’s Catholic see.

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 105,361 out of a total population of nearly 900,000.
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

---HOLY REMINDER---

St. Anne de Beaupre
Feast Day
THURSDAY, JULY 26

* Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Patrick Church

Today's trend is toward
SENSIBLE
PRE-PLANNING

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Florida Catholic Conference

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 state and 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 for many 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 of the Florida Catholic Conference.

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The bishops have appointed commissions and task forces, to serve as a means of communication and leadership. Much has been done, much remains to be done, but the church in 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 of the Florida Catholic Conference.

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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, Harder, 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, with founding Bishop Coleman Carroll assuming the title of Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Province of Florida. Prior to this division the Archdiocese 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 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 637 priests and 363 buildings serving 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.

Congratulations to the bishops and people of the new Diocese of Venice and Diocese of Palm Beach from your fellow Catholics in the Archdiocese of Miami

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