

*The Most Rev. Paul Donovan Leads Area Roman Catholics*

# Bishop Installed In New Kalamazoo Diocese

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The Most Rev. Paul V. Donovan was consecrated the first bishop of the newly formed Roman Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo Wednesday in a ceremony involving more than 50 participants.

John Cardinal Dearden, arch-

bishop of Detroit, was the principal consecrator at the two-hour-and-15-minute ceremony at St. Augustine Church, now the cathedral for nine South-west Michigan counties.

An estimated 900 priests, friends and members of the Donovan family filled St. Augustine, and another crowd

of nearly 300 watched the ceremony from a nearby church-owned building by closed-circuit television.

Among the distinguished guests seated in front of the altar were the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Hennison, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan, also located in Kala-

mazoo, and the Most Rev. Edmund C. Szoka, who was installed as first bishop of the new Roman Catholic Diocese of Gaylord during similar ceremonies Tuesday.

The Most Rev. L. Raimondi, apostolic delegate to the United States from the Vatican, presented a document from Pope

Paul VI, officially designating the new diocese.

St. Augustine is now the cathedral for counties of Kalamazoo, Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch.

The creation of the two new dioceses was a result of Vatican Council action in the early 1960s, which determined that bishops should be made more accessible to members of the church.

Michigan now has seven dioceses.

The new Kalamazoo Diocese contains 46 parishes and 19 missions, with 58 diocese priests, 19 religious priests and 250 sisters in its service.

The diocese has 83,000 church members.

The 46-year-old bishop comes to Kalamazoo from the 1,300-member St. Agnes Church of Flint. He had served previously as secretary to the Lansing Diocese, as administrator of St. Peter Church of Eaton Rapids and as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Church and the mission of St. Rita, both near Jackson.

Bishop Donovan also took graduate studies in canon law at Lateran University in Rome



FIRST BISHOP PAUL V. DONOVAN (RIGHT)  
Stands With John Cardinal Dearden At Point Of Installation  
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BISHOP PAUL V. DONOVAN LIES PROSTRATE DURING LITANY OF THE SAINTS  
Symbolic Act Of Priestly Humility During Consecration Ceremonies Wednesday

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