

Religion

Monsignor Hickey reviews his 40 years in the Church, totally at one with the view of his Church - firmly reinforcing its firm stand

By **CONNIE RAE**
After 40 years in the priesthood it must be difficult to look back and single out one particularly rewarding experience.

Monsignor Hickey of St. Christopher's Church on Clarkson Road feels that seeing the people he has worked with over the years "grow in stature and develop as better people" is his reward.

"At some point in their development I was there and may have had something to do with making them better people," he reflects.

The Monsignor had just shared a celebration with his parishioners on Sunday, June 5 marking his 40 years of service.

Thinking back to his youth he can't recall considering any other way of life and he can still recall his feelings on June 5, 1947. He was "proud, ambitious and at the same time scared" of the great responsibilities given him.

"There were so many things to do for the people... teach and sanctify and spread the good news," he said.

Today he finds the priesthood more challenging. There has been a "turning away of young people" as parents and the Church receive the brunt of their resentment.

"People don't accept things like they used to. They are more inquiring, but this is good. Challenge brings out the best in you."

Monsignor Hickey spent eight years at St. Helen's parish in Toronto and two years at Our Lady of Lourdes in Toronto before going into organizational work with the Catholic Youth Organization.

In 1963 when St. Christopher's was built the title of Monsignor was bestowed on him and he became a member of the Pope's household in the prelate of honor. His parish covers the three schools of St. Christopher's, St. Helen's and St. Louis embracing 1400 families with about 1600 children.

One of the foremost problems in the parish is members aspiring to a high standard of living and finding it difficult, he said. In spite of this they are generous with causes and go overboard to extend themselves for others less fortunate, he said.

MORAL ISSUES
He explained the position of the church about pertinent concerns:

BIRTH CONTROL: "It's wrong. It's a deliberate attempt to defeat God's plan to populate heaven. Roman Catholics, however, respect the convictions of Protestants," he says.

ABORTION: "When the Church speaks out against abortion she is talking from the house-tops to everyone. The Church is against it. It's a question of morality," he says.

DIVORCE: "It's a sad thing to read about the rate at which marriages are falling apart. At St. Christopher's marriage preparation courses are mandatory. The courses are held under the broad umbrella of several churches in

Mississauga and thus don't deal with marriage as a sacrament as it is in the Catholic Church. Finances, child bearing, communication, legal and Christian aspects are dealt with. If a Catholic couple cannot live together they can have a legal separation but can't enter into another marriage in the Catholic Church.

A separated person can appeal to the matrimonial court in Toronto and in some cases the church will dissolve marriages because of psychological reasons or failure to sanctify a marriage but witnesses must be supplied.

HOMOSEXUALITY: "We're against it. It's unnatural. I'd be against bringing it into the schools. The Peel Dufferin separate school board has a carefully planned, sensitive sex education program. When homosexuals stand up in public and demand recognition I feel they are flaunting their homosexuality but they should be treated with kindness.

THE POSSIBILITY OF UNION OF ANGLICAN AND CATHOLIC CHURCHES: Recent talks with the Archbishop of Canterbury are a good sign that this might come about. Stumbling blocks would be the infallibility of the Pope and the ordination of women.

IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH CHAUVINISTIC? "Women weren't meant to be in the priesthood. There are things that prove this. Jesus was surrounded by faithful women and yet he chose male apostles. The sisters help out in the parish and assist the priests."

MEN WHO LEAVE THE PRIESTHOOD: "We have lost many fine men. Some of them work in the educational field. It is possible that someday priests will be allowed to marry but I am old and set in my ways and not the best person to answer that."

PORNOGRAPHY: "Censorship riles the people and it's difficult to ban books, unfortunately. They should be out of the reach of children. We are concerned about health hazards to the body but should be as concerned over hazards to the mind.

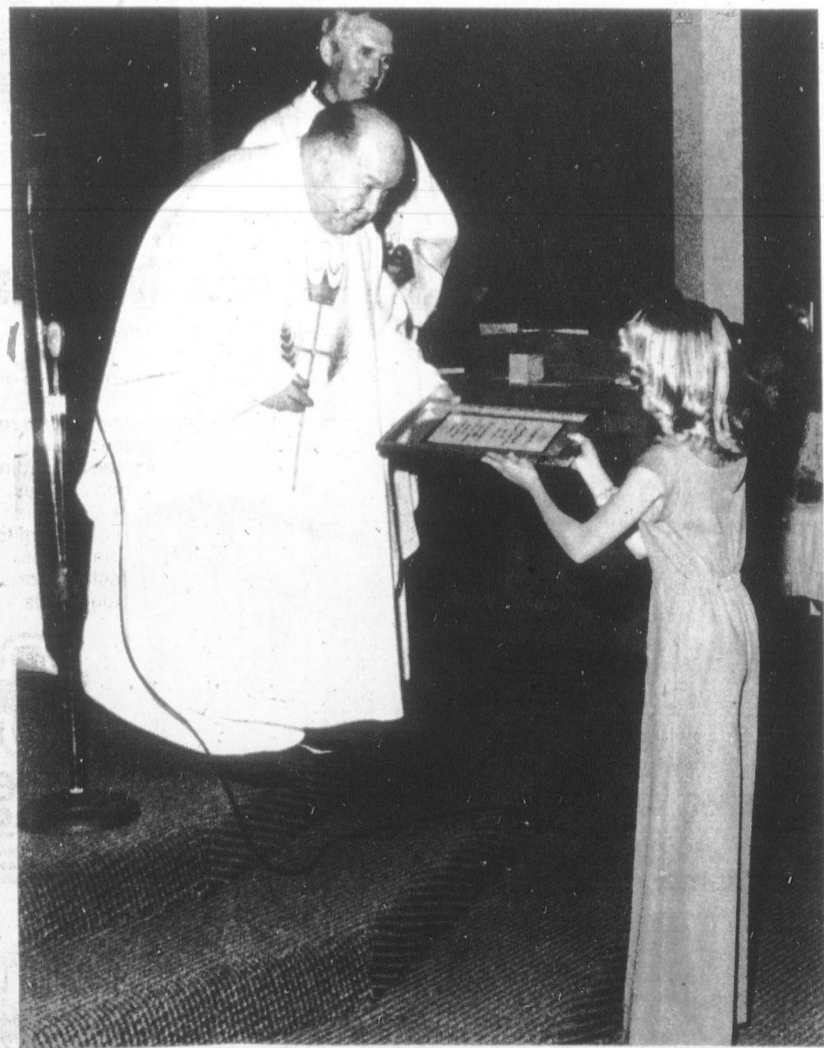
Pornography should carry warnings like cigarette packages: "Caution: may be hazardous to your mental health." We are the ultimate beneficiaries of such a ban.

We cater to business and money. I favor censorship but we have to be realistic. Parents should censor television programs, writing stations and papers to protest, making their objections heard."

THE GREATEST REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE IN THE CHURCH: The greatest change has been celebrating the mass in the language of the people rather than in Latin.

QUEBEC SEPARATION: "Rene will get it or die in the attempt. Why stop them? It's inevitable. It's not realistic to think they will stay if we learn French. They shouldn't have to learn English. I would love to be able to converse in French.

ANY REGRETS? None.



A student of St. Louis separate school presents Monsignor Hickey of St. Christopher's church in Clarkson with a commemorative plaque in honor of his 40 years in the priesthood last Sunday.

Births, Deaths & In Memoriams

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BOYD, Linda — At the Toronto Western Hospital, on Thursday, June 9, 1977. Linda Boyd, dearly loved daughter of Ron and Bernadine Boyd of Rexdale, dear sister of Marlene and Gordon. Granddaughter of Mr. Harry Sawkins of Brantford and Mrs. Norman Boyd of Vancouver. Service was held in the chapel Saturday 1 p.m. Cremation.

DeGROAT, Charles — At the Ross Memorial Hospital, Ontario on Tuesday, June 7, 1977. Charles DeGroat, beloved husband of Ehel Webster of Weston. Dear father of Melvin, of Lindsay, and Helen and her husband William McIver of Weston. Dear grandfather of Richard and Susan DeGroat, and Robert McIver. Service was held in the chapel Thursday, 3 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery.

JOHNSON, H. William (retired employee of Kodak Canada) — At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie on Sunday, June 12, 1977. H. William Johnson (formerly of Weston), beloved husband of Olive Johnson, dear father of Barry and his wife Jane, dear grandfather of Sarah and Matthew, brother of Ed, Muriel and the late Connie. Service was held in the chapel Tuesday 1 p.m. Cremation. Remembrances may be made to Convener Remembrance Fund, Royal Victoria Hospital, 76 Ross St., Barrie, Ont.

MIDDLEBROOK, Louis Edgar — At York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Sunday, June 12, 1977. Louis Edgar Middlebrook, of Schomberg (formerly of Etobicoke). Beloved husband of Caroline Avery. Dear father of John and his wife Thelma of Schomberg. Dear grandfather of Grant and Yvonne. Dear brother of Leslie. Service in the chapel, Wednesday 2 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery.

MORGAN, Raymond (Former Canadian and International soccer referee) — At Humber Memorial Hospital, on Saturday, June 11, 1977. Raymond Morgan of Toronto, dear brother of Alan and Leonard. Service was held in the chapel Tuesday 11 a.m. Interment St. Philip's Cemetery. Remembrances may be made to the charity of your choice.

WILLITON, Beatrice — At St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, on Monday, June 6, 1977. Beatrice Newcombe, beloved wife of C. John Williton, of Etobicoke, dear mother of Eleanor of Toronto, and Richard of U.S.A. Service was held in the chapel, Thursday 11 a.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery.

PEDEEN, James (Jimmy) (Employee of the Ontario Jockey Club) — on Friday, June 10, 1977, at the Etobicoke General Hospital. Jimmy Pedeen, beloved husband of Florence Lacey, brother of John of Willowdale, and Harry of Downsview. Service was held in the chapel Monday 11 a.m. Interment Prospect Cemetery.

RIGA, Romano — At the York Finch Hospital, on Wednesday, June 8, 1977. Romano Riga, beloved husband of Norma Riga, dear father of Bruno and Ugo, brother of Odilio of California; Cesare and Maria both of Italy. Loving grandfather of Sarah, father-in-law of Ines. Funeral Mass was held Saturday 9:30 a.m. Interment Beechwood Cemetery.

ROURKE, Thomas Melville — At the Humber Memorial Hospital — on Thursday, June 9, 1977. Thomas Melville Rourke, beloved husband of Helen McNish, of Downsview, dear father of Edwin, James and Thomas, dear grandfather of Kimberley, David and Richard, dear brother of Arthur and Dorothy. Service was held in the chapel Monday, 1 p.m. Interment Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

SIMPSON, Marjorie (Madge) (former employee of Laird/Lumber Company) — At Toronto Western Hospital on Tuesday, June 7, 1977. Madge Thompson wife of the late J. Charles Simpson, survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. A private family service was held at the Ward Funeral Home, Weston on Wednesday evening. Private interment Park Lawn Cemetery.

PATTERSON, Frederica Sarah — On Tuesday, June 7, 1977 at the Peel Memorial Hospital Frederica Sarah Patterson (Brown), of Brampton wife of the late John Patterson, daughter of the late Charles Day and Elizabeth Ann Brown; dear mother of Elizabeth (Mrs. David H. Zimmer) of Waterloo and Ethel (Mrs. Charles Lavelle) of Brampton and the late John Edward Patterson; loved by her six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Rested at the McClure Chapel of the Ward Funeral Home, 52 Main St. south, Brampton. Family service was held from St. James Anglican Church, Haysville, Ont. on Thursday at 2 p.m. Interment St. James Cemetery Haysville.

SHAWER, Gordon — At Sunnybrook Hospital on Sunday, June 12, 1977. Gordon Shaver, beloved husband of Isabelle Shaver, of Weston, dear father of James, Sandra Allain and Betty Gingras, dearly loved by his six grandchildren, dear brother of Frank, Arthur, Isobel and Laura. Funeral Mass Wednesday 10 a.m. Interment Park Lawn Cemetery.

SKINNER, Geraldine Viola — At Queen Elizabeth Hospital, on Thursday, June 9, 1977. Geraldine Viola Skinner, beloved daughter of Viola and the late Earl Skinner. Dear sister of Barbara, Larry, Irwin, Myrna, Ronald, Donald, Faye, Donna, Claude and the late Roger. Special good friend of Michael and Judy Jones and family. Service was held in the chapel Monday 2 p.m. Interment Glendale Memorial Gardens.

TAYLOR, Aline (Penny) — At St. Michael's Hospital, on Tuesday, May 31, 1977. Aline Taylor of Weston, beloved wife of Donald Taylor, dear mother of Sandra Brewster, of Ottawa, Brenda (Mrs. G. McCauley) of Kingston, Alan Molloy of Belleville, Janet and Susan, both of Weston. Dearly loved by her 6 grandchildren, daughter of Martha Cavanaugh of Campbellton, N.B. Sister of Gloria, Doreen, Marguerite, Bob, Marie, Alan, Elaine and Marilyn. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

THOMSON, Georgina — At the Queen Elizabeth Hospital on Friday, June 10, 1977. Wife of the late Harry Douglas, mother of Robert, loving grandmother of Douglas, Kathryn and Nancy. Sister of Mrs. Betty Brebner and sister-in-law of Miss Jessie Thomson. Private family services were held, followed by cremation.

WARDLE, Charles H. — At the Wellesley Hospital, Toronto, on Monday, June 6, 1977. Charles H. Wardle, of Toronto, dear brother of Winifred Armitage of Nyevale, Ont. and Dorothy Wardle of Etobicoke. Service was held in the chapel Thursday 1 p.m. Interment Riverside Cemetery.

WEEKES, Donald — At Peterborough, on Saturday, June 11, 1977. Donald Weekes, of Mississauga, husband of the late Edna Muxan. Funeral services were held at the Ward Funeral Home, Weston, Monday 12 noon. Interment Glendale Memorial Gardens.

ELLIOTT, Minnie Harriet — At St. Joseph's Hospital on Wednesday, June 8, 1977. Minnie Harriet Elliott, beloved wife of the late Roy Elliott, dear mother of John of Toronto and the late Mabel and Dorothy, grandmother of Terry, John, Caroline, Edie, Wayne, Roy and Jimmie. Rested at the Ridley Funeral Home Ltd., 3080 Lakeshore Blvd. W. (at 14th St.). Funeral was held in the chapel Saturday, June 11, 1977 at 1 p.m. Cremation.

HOSSACK, Florence May — At Toronto Western Hospital, on Saturday, June 11, 1977. Florence May Hossack, dear friend of Murray Velkov. Beloved mother of Marie (Mrs. R. Smith), Mississauga, and Pauline (Mrs. D. Rideout), Downsview. Loving sister of Albert Arding, Thunder Bay; Mrs. June McConnell, Etobicoke and Doreen Tanghe, Mimico. Sadly missed by 5 grandchildren. Rested at the Ridley Funeral Home Ltd., 3080 Lakeshore Blvd. West (at 14th St.), after 1 p.m., Monday. Funeral service was held in the chapel Tuesday, June 14, at 2 p.m. Interment Sanctuary Park Cemetery.

Births	Deaths
BURBANK — Bill and Maureen (nee Racknor) are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Sarah Katherine on June 4th, 1977 at Kitchener Waterloo Hospital.	MOHER, Alma — At the Queensway General Hospital, Etobicoke Sunday, June 12, 1977. Alma Ballard of 46 14th St., New Toronto, beloved wife of the late William J. Moher, dear mother of Dan and Gerald, both of Mimico, Mrs. Margaret Posnikoff, and Robert, both of Port Hope, Dr. Herbert Moher, Mississauga, Stanley, Kathryn and Tom all of New Toronto. Predeceased by sons William and Joseph, and also lovingly remembered by 34 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Moher is resting at the funeral home of G. H. Hogle, 63 Mimico Ave., Mimico, funeral to St. Leo's Catholic Church, Royal York Rd., Mimico, for requiem Mass Wednesday 10 a.m. Interment Mount Peace Cemetery, Mississauga.
MRS. Peggy Sewell announces the engagement of her daughter, Lisa Marie to Mr. George Earle. Wedding to take place June 18th, 1977 at 1:30 p.m. at Islington United Church.	GIBSON, Grace — At the Queensway General Hospital, Etobicoke, on her 70th birthday, Wednesday, June 8, 1977. Grace Herrer of 95 Cavell Ave., Mimico, beloved wife of the late John Gibson, dear mother of Alastair Gibson of Weston and James Gibson, Mimico, loving grandmother of Barry, John, Karen, Jacqueline and Jimmy. Mrs. Gibson rested at the Funeral Home of G. H. Hogle, 63 Mimico Ave., Mimico. Funeral service was held Saturday 10:30 a.m. Interment Sanctuary Park Cemetery, Weston.
Curvin, Alec William — At the Queensway General Hospital, Etobicoke, Sunday, June 12, 1977. Alec William Curvin (retired 30 year employee of C.I.L. in his 89th year) beloved husband of Mabel King and dear father of Barbara and Bernice (Mrs. John Robinson) and the late Mrs. Joan Armstrong all of Long Branch, brother of Mrs. Flo Saxey, England, and also lovingly remembered by four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Curvin is resting at the Wignall Funeral Chapel, 62 Long Branch Ave., Long Branch from Monday 7 p.m. Funeral and committal services complete in the chapel Wednesday 1 p.m. Private family interment Glendale Memorial Gardens, Etobicoke. Memorial contributions to the Ontario Heart Fund would be appreciated.	

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In Memoriam	Cards of Thanks	Births
ANSELL, Anne — In loving memory of a dear mother, and grandmother, who passed away June 19th, 1976. Your presence we miss. Your memory we treasure, Loving you always, Forgetting you never. — Sadly missed by sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.	The family of the late Elizabeth Kent wish to thank relatives, friends, Queensway Hospital for expressions of sympathy in the recent bereavement of a dear mother, grandmother, especially to Nurses of 2 West, Queensway Hospital, Dr. M. R. Brander and Dr. W. Hallett, Harvey Hogle.	HULYK — John and Margaret Ann (nee McGonigle) are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Laura Margaret, 5 lbs. 11 ozs. on June 8th, 1977, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGonigle and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hulyk.

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