

# *Bristol Resident Editor Of Essays On Diaconate*

A Bristol resident, Richard T. Nolan of 26 Hillside Avenue is editor of a book entitled "The Diaconate Now," a historical - theological study of deacons in the Christian Church, due for publication shortly by Corpus Books, a newly organized affiliate of the World Publishing Company. The book has been taking shape since 1963.

"As a matter of curiosity I took up the Book of common Prayer to see again what specific functions I had as a deacon," mentions Mr. Nolan in his preface to the eight - chapter work. Mr. Nolan was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church in 1963 and a priest in 1965. Nolan's curiosity, with encouragement from "senior clergy" motivated him to "set out to gather essays about the diaconate from some perceptive Christians." The fruit of the editor's inquiry is an ecumenical work having Roman Catholic, Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox scholars from the United States, Ireland, Germany and India as contributing scholars. Connecticut contributors include Dr. Edward R. Hardy, professor of Church History, Berkeley Divinity School; Dr. Edmond Cherbonnier, professor of Religion, Trinity College, and Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, sterling professor of oriental History and Missions, Emeritus, Yale University.

Born May 30, 1937 in Waltham, Massachusetts. Mr. Nolan came to Bristol in July of 1967. His degrees include a B. A. from Trinity College in 1960, a B. D. from the Hartford Seminary Foundation in 1963 and a M. A. in Religion from Yale University in 1967. Presently he is a



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candidate for a Ph. D. in Religion at New York University. Mr. Nolan has taught extensively throughout Connecticut and is currently instructor of philosophy at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, the University of Hartford and the University of Connecticut, Hartford branch. Mr. Nolan is presently writing one chapter, "The Ecumenical Significance of the Diaconate," for a work in progress entitled "The Renewal of the Diaconate."

In concluding his preface Mr. Nolan commended his mother, Elizabeth, and his father, Thomas, for their sharing the drudgery of "checking galley proofs." The Nolans live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Mr. Nolan is active in the Trinity Episcopal Church, 173 Summer Street, as a consultant in Christian Education and Sunday assistant.