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New day for Catholics

German becomes Pope Benedict XVI; Vermont welcomes bishop

By Matthew McAllester
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Newsday

VATICAN CITY — Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany was elected by his fellow cardinals Tuesday to become the 265th pope, putting a conservative who is expected to continue championing John Paul II's orthodox ideas at the head of the world's 1.1 billion Catholics.

After only about 24 hours of deliberations, white smoke began billowing from the stovepipe atop the roof of the Sistine Chapel, indicating that the 115 voting cardinals inside had chosen a pope from their number.

Ratzinger had less than an hour to change his red robes to the papal white and to let it sink in: He had ascended from the pope's enforcer to the papacy itself before he was introduced to the crowd as Benedict XVI, his chosen name.

The doors to the main balcony of St. Peter's Basilica opened at about 6:40 p.m. and Chilean Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estivez, the senior cardinal deacon, stepped out to satisfy the impatient crowd's curiosity, announcing Ratzinger's name after a brief introduction. The new Pope Benedict XVI appeared moments later.

"Dear brothers and sisters," he said, holding a microphone with his right hand. "After the great Pope John Paul II, the cardinals have elected me — a simple, humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord. The fact that the Lord can work and act even with insufficient means consoles me, and above all I entrust myself to your prayers."

The rapid election of Ratzinger, 78, one of the most powerful and controversial men in the recent papal administration, resolves a power struggle that took place after John Paul's death: Conservatives like the German cardinal, who was dean of the College of Cardinals, opposite a group of



MAX ROSSI, Reuters

Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, waves Tuesday from a balcony of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican after being elected by the conclave of cardinals.



ALISON REDLICH, Free Press

Bishop-elect Salvatore Matano waves to the congregation after his ordination as coadjutor bishop of Burlington on Tuesday at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington.

New bishop is ordained

By Andy Netzel
and Erica Jacobson
Free Press Staff Writers

Monsignor Salvatore Matano became the first bishop ordained under Pope Benedict XVI — and one of the last appointed by Pope John Paul II — when he assumed the role as coadjutor bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington on Tuesday.

As coadjutor bishop, Matano will assist Bishop Kenneth Angell, who will submit his resignation in August on his 75th birthday. When the pope accepts Angell's resignation, Matano, 58, will automatically become the ninth bishop of the statewide diocese.

The Rhode Island native fought back tears at times and excitement at others as he made a passionate appeal to the 148,000 Catholics over whom he will eventually preside.

"I plead with the faithful of the church: Please come home," he said.

Matano's joyous day will eventually lead to him take over a church grappling with a declining weekly attendance and a priest shortage. Angell is working on a plan to deal with the shortage that will likely include the closing of churches and lay people taking on a larger role in the remaining parishes.

Matano will guide this new Catholic church in Vermont.

"Everyone wants to know, 'What is your plan?' " Matano said. "I do have one, but I have to be respectful of Bishop Angell. As we say in Italian, *piano, piano*."

He highlighted two important factors

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Choice praised, criticized in Vermont

By Adam Silverman
Free Press Staff Writer

After white smoke billowed and bells tolled Tuesday at the Vatican, Vermonters absorbed the news of the ascension to the papacy of Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — a man they alternately praised and criticized as a conservative adherent to Roman Catholic doctrine.

The College of Cardinals elected Ratzinger just hours before Vermont Catholics welcomed their new coadjutor bishop, Salvatore Matano.

"We thank God for this man. He needs your prayers."

Bishop Kenneth Angell,
on Pope Benedict XVI

"It's a good day for the church in Vermont," said Jon Hughes, a 27-year-old parishioner from St. Ann Church in Milton. "We got two new leaders in the same day."

They're both orthodox, meaning they will stick with the truth. Truth with a capital T."

Bishop of Burlington Kenneth Angell told a crowd of 1,400 worshippers of the new pope's election at a special Mass for Matano's ordination at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington. The crowd broke into loud applause when Angell began the service by telling the crowd Ratzinger was elected and had chosen his papal name.

"We thank God for this man," the

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State's doctors divided over universal health care

By Nancy Remsen
Free Press Staff Writer

Dr. Deborah Richter splits her time caring for patients in a family medical practice in Cambridge and stumping for government-financed health care for all Vermonters.

She took up the cause because she kept seeing the tragic and expensive consequences for working people who put off needed medical care because they didn't have health insurance.

"For me it is a moral issue," Richter said. "You can't do this work and have that kind of injustice."

Health matters

The Burlington Free Press examines how the Legislature's looming decision on a health care reform bill would affect every Vermonter.

■ **MONDAY:** How life would change for Vermonters who have insurance and those who don't under the planned reform sketched by the House Health Committee.

Richter strongly backs a bill the House is scheduled to begin debating today. The measure

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Dr. Glen Neale, an orthopedic surgeon at Copley Hospital in Morrisville, shares Richter's conviction that all Vermonters should have access to the medical care they need. He notes universal coverage is a long-standing principle of the Vermont Medical Society, of which he is a member.

Neale worries, however, that a government-financed health insurance system would make it more difficult to attract doctors to Vermont because government programs have tradition-

ally paid so poorly. That would hurt, not help, the effort to expand access.

He also worries the bill promises the public too much. "My concern about one-size-fits-all health care is you tend to give everything to everybody without a way to pay for it."

Bill's details

The House Health Care Committee, specially created this year to

focus exclusively on health care reform, fashioned a bill that sets out target dates for change that allows the panel to gather more information and fine-tune its plan.

The key dates in the bill are:

■ July 1, 2007, which is when preventive and primary care would be covered under a state-subsidized health insurance program called Green Mountain Health.

■ Oct. 1, 2007, which is when hospital care would be covered.

■ July 1, 2009, which is when additional "es-

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