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Priest Baptizes Twin Brother
A priest, who is a convert, had the privilege of baptizing his twin brother in a ceremony at Holy Trinity Church in Bloomington, Ill.
The priest is Father Robert J. Creager, assistant pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Moline, Ill. His twin brother is Roderick C. Creager, who is employed in the grocery business here.
Father Creager joined the Catholic Church in 1945. It was not until after his ordination in June, 1954, that his twin brother became interested in the Catholic faith. The twin brother took instructions from Father John Ryan of Holy Trinity parish.

Eulogy For The Late Monsignor Stauder

Following the text of the eulogy preached by His Excellency, Bishop James M. Keane, Saturday, Oct. 29, at the funeral Mass of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. William Stauder.
Almost 50 years ago, the Rector of the Seminary in this Diocese of Rochester turned to the Bishop as he presented to him a young man for ordination to the priesthood. In addressing the Bishop he said to him: "Holy Mother the Church asks that you ordain this Deacon William Stauder, here present, to the honor and responsibility of the Priesthood." The Bishop, turning to the Rector of the Seminary, asked the question: "Do you consider that he is worthy of this great responsibility?" conscious of the fact that a mistake would involve such discordance not only for the young man William Stauder, himself, but also for the thousands and thousands who might cross his path during his years in the Priesthood.
Holy Mother the Church did well to pause before advancing him to the apostolate of Our Divine Lord and await the responses of those who had been concerned with his training for well over ten years. The Bishop went on to say to the congregation assembled, when a ship starts out to sea every passenger is concerned with the accomplishments of the navigator.
It is a matter of concern not only to those who have charge of the steering and navigation but it is the concern of everyone on the ship as well as the owners. Therefore, he says, "let us pause and if there is anyone in the congregation who feels that we make a mistake in advancing this young man to the priesthood let him be heard now." Then the Bishop pauses and under this confirmation from the teachers who have had the responsibility of his training and on the advice of the Rector, the Bishop proceeded to ordain to the priesthood that great apostle William Stauder, who lies before the altar of Christ whom he loved so much and served so faithfully all through these years.

AS THAT CEREMONY continued, it was charged with great many wonderful expressions that were intended to control the life of the priest in the years to come. The Bishop placed on his shoulders the various vestments and with each one he especially pointed out the connection that was created between his soul and the garments which he wore.
A man's life may become a tragic farce if he failed in the recesses of his soul if every action of his life did not portray those virtues which were represented by the various vestments that were then placed on him.
Gathered here this morning, my dear friends, are parishioners of Holy Redeemer whom he served so loyally and with such devotion, the priests who grew up with him and knew him intimately, and you the vast legion of friends, not only of this city but throughout the diocese and all will join me this morning in saying that when the representative of the Seminary said "we consider him worthy," no human ever spoke truer words.
It is OUR PRIVILEGE to look back in retrospect almost a half century over the period that his teachers and his friends had looked forward to with such anticipation and almost concern for the future, knowing human nature as it is. It is a gratifying experience for us today that we can look back and we can say in all sincerity that if ever a man was worthy of the priesthood of Christ, it is the man that we now return to his Maker with a jubilant prayer for the happy repose of his soul.
And on that Ordination day, I am sure that the young Deacon Stauder as he received his various charges allowed them to sink into his soul.
Might we pick out this morning one particular charge that I might say, was symbolic of his life. In this impressive ceremony, he heard the Bishop say to him in the longed for ritual, "Emulmisi quod fecisti, imitate what you are doing with."

Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is to your life. Day after day, you will hear the day's work with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Through the day you will visit Christ in the tabernacle. The doctrine of Christ will be the instruction that you give both the children and the adults of the congregation. The fruits of this life will be measured by the intensity of your love for Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and consequently the Church charges, "always try to imitate Him who is the center of your life and to whom you turn day after day in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."
I like to feel that those words came back to a great priest like Father Stauder as he held in his hands the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and as he gazed into the face of Jesus Christ, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, in that great sacrifice of the Mass and that they were the inspiration of each day of his life.
HE IMITATED Christ. His great High Priest in the spirit of sacrifice. No act of self denial was too great for the welfare of his church. Personal consideration always came last, even in those days when his health might have dictated otherwise. He always possessed that deep sense of responsibility with a conscious realization that Christ had said to him personally, "If any man will come after Me he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me," and when the years went on, no matter how heavy that cross might be, when Christ looked back He could always see William Stauder following Him.
He imitated that life of Christ in his love for the poor which

Bishop Terms Late Pastor 'Christ-Like'

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In his love for the poor which all of us knew was one of the great characteristics of his life.
In final tribute to the late pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Bishop Keane stated, "We could say his entire life was a faithful response to the challenge of his ordination day."
Bearers for Monsignor Stauder were: the Reverend Fathers Frederick Zwierlein, Albert J. Geiger, Francis H. Vogt, Dominic Mockevicius, Austin E. Hanna, Walter Carron.
Priests' choir, under the direction of the Rev. Charles J. McCarthy, included: the Reverend Fathers Joseph F. Hogan, J. F. Schifferl, George A. Cocuzzi, Joseph F. Reinhart, John J. Hemphill, John Murphy, William White, Paul Schmitt, John Phillips, Joseph Notkangie, Conrad Sundholm and Elmer Hendl.
CLERGY PRESENT for the funeral Mass included: the Right Reverend Monsignors William Byrne, Maynard Connell, Wilfred Craugh, Francis Goggin, John Duffy, William Brian, Thomas Connors, Louis Edelman, Joseph Balcerak, Michael Krieg, Richard K. Burns, Charles Shay.
The Very Reverend Monsignor John S. Randall, Dennis Hickey, Gerald Lambert, Joseph Vogt; the Reverend Fathers Frank J. Healy, Edward J. Eichel, Stanislaus Kozlak, Henry F. Adamski, John W. LaVogue, Richard Manley, E. Lee McMahon, Arthur P. Floszek, John F. Cavanaugh, Vincent Laporte, John C. Newcomb.
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The Reverend Fathers Robert H. Fagan, Joseph J. Leach, John C. Hagan, George A. Pennington, William H. Shanley, D. M. Kelly, Vincent P. Gollins, Robert L. Krass, Raymond J. Wahl, William J. Scholtz, Thomas J. Kelly, Brother Ralph Carpenter, M.S.G.

all of us knew was one of the great characteristics of his life. I recall the time when the late Cardinal Hayes, speaking in New York said it would be a sad day for the Church when the poor people stopped ringing the doorbell of the priest's house and all during the years the people of this parish realized it all too well. There was no more welcome challenge to the ear of this great priest than the doorbell of his rectory when often he had the opportunity of following in the footsteps of the God-Man he was trying to imitate. Only God knows that great good that was accomplished by that great heart of his. There was never a more welcome sound on his doorbell than the ringing of those who spiritually or physically were in need of the help of the follower of Christ.
It was his total devotion to Holy Mother the Church that was characteristic of the man and I am sure that as he walked through the school he was always met before him our Divine Lord sitting by the roadside saying, "Permit the little children to come unto Me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
THE ORGANIZATIONS of his parish, under his influence, became a very real and vital thing in the life of every member of the parish. He imitated his Divine Master that the gospel of Christ might dominate the life of all who knew him. No need for me to tell the people of this parish of the help and enlightenment after he flowed from his pulpit week after week as he imitated his Divine Lord preaching the gospel.

In other words, my dear friends, as we pause this morning to pay him a final tribute, we could sum up his life in this imitation of Christ. "We could say his entire life was a faithful response to the challenge of his ordination day."
In addition to his own parish, his apostolic zeal never lessened in his response to the call of Holy Mother Church. During the years he has been a most valuable, a most courageous, a most well informed Consultant of this diocese. The Church says the bishop must surround himself with competent men whom we call consultants, men of courage, men of conviction. Monsignor Stauder was an outstanding man of this type. He was a man exceptionally strong in his convictions, not swayed by the convictions of others, but at the same time, intensely loyal, intensely devoted to anything that concerned the salvation of souls for Jesus Christ. During the years he was a great priest, a wonderful friend.
So looking back on this almost half century of priesthood, we can sing out how true were the words of those who answered the Bishop, "Do you think he is worthy of this great responsibility?" and the answer is "Yes, Yes, we think that William Stauder will make a great priest of God." And how true they were.

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