

Pope Honors 22 Priests In Diocese

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The title "Monsignor" is bestowed by the Pope on Catholic priests in recognition of long and useful service to the Church. It denotes an elevation above the ranks of the clergy. The title is one of honor inasmuch as it does not grant any special duties or unusual privileges nor any increase in priestly power.

Which the Holy Father gives a priest this honorary position of Monsignor It is a public acknowledgment of the Church's official gratitude for his works of zeal whether in pastoral work or teaching or administration of diocesan affairs.

The three divisions of the monsignate granted the above named priests are the ranks of Protonotary Apostolic, Domestic Prelate, and Papal Chamberlain.

PROTONOTARY APOSTOLIC — This is the highest rank of the Monsignori and denotes an honorary membership in the college of notaries of the Apostolic See. The Protonotary Apostolic enjoys the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. This dignity carries the faculty of celebrating a Pontifical Mass in the manner of a Bishop four times a year with the Bishop's permission. The Monsignor wears the pontifical general of the diocese, June 23, vestments including the mitre, 1954.

DOMESTIC PRELATE — Recipients of this dignity are addressed by the title Right Reverend Monsignor. The ecclesiastical costume (called the choir garb) of both the Protonotary and the Domestic Prelate includes the purple episcopal cassock with sash, rochet (a long lace surplice) and a black sleeveless mantelletta. The house cassock is black with purple piping and purple buttons and has a short shoulder cape edged with purple. The biretta has a purple pom-pom.

PAPAL CHAMBERLAIN — This dignity enjoys the title of Very Reverend Monsignor. It is an honorary rank which ceases with the death of the Pope who has Rome. The doctorate degree is granted it but is usually restored by the succeeding Pope. They do not wear the rochet and mantelletta of the Domestic Prelate but have a purple cassock and a sash topped by a purple sleeveless

garment called a soprano which has two narrow bands hanging down the back from each shoulder. The house cassock is similar to that of the Domestic Prelate. The biretta has a purple pom-pom.

Biographical data on the new Monsignori follows:

Rev. Msgr. James C. McAniff, P.A., S.T.D., J.C.L., V.G., following his ordination from the North American College in Rome in 1933, remained in Rome to continue post graduate studies in canon law. He holds his doctorate degree in sacred theology and a licentiate in canon law from colleges in Rome. Before being appointed as vice-chancellor in 1939, he served as chaplain of St. Ann's Home in Rochester. In March 1937, he was named an officer of the diocesan matrimonial tribunal and in 1945 he became a pro-synodal judge of the diocesan court. For four years he served as chaplain of the Academy of the Sacred Heart. In 1947, he was made a Papal Chamberlain and named chancellor of the diocese. In 1954, Pope Pius XII elevated him to the rank of Domestic Prelate. Bishop four times a year with the Bishop's permission. The Monsignor wears the pontifical general of the diocese, June 23, vestments including the mitre, 1954.

Rev. Msgr. Wilfred T. Crough, P.A., Ph.M., attended St. Charles College Baltimore, and St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, prior to his ordination in 1924. He studied three years at the Gregorian University in Rome where he was awarded the degrees of doctor in philosophy. In 1927, he joined the faculty of late includes the purple episcopal cassock with sash, rochet (a long lace surplice) and a black sleeveless mantelletta. The house cassock is black with purple piping and purple buttons and has a short shoulder cape edged with purple. The biretta has a purple pom-pom.

Rev. Msgr. John E. Maney, S.T.D., ordained in 1939, completed his theological studies at the Gregorian University and the North American College in Rome. The doctorate degree is granted it but is usually restored by the succeeding Pope. They do not wear the rochet and mantelletta of the Domestic Prelate but have a purple cassock and a sash topped by a purple sleeveless

Keamey's secretary. He was appointed professor at St. Andrew's Seminary in 1941 and served as secretary of the diocesan tribunal in 1944 and later as vice-official. Pope Pius XII appointed him a Papal Chamberlain in 1952 and in 1955 he was appointed administrator of Corpus Christi parish, Rochester.

Rev. Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert was ordained in 1929 and served for more than twenty years in the charity and social service agencies of the diocese. While a student at St. Bernard's Seminary, he and the late Rev. Eugene Hudson founded Camp Stella Maria, diocesan camp on Conesus Lake, and served as its director until 1948. For two years he taught at St. Andrew's Seminary, Rochester, and another two years at the Rochester Branch of Niagara University. In 1931, he became assistant director of the diocesan Catholic Charities. In 1947 he was named director. In this office, he administered the Columbus Building; health and youth work of the diocese, and was associated with the administration of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester; St. Joseph Hospital, Auburn; St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, and the Charles, Merrimac, and Genesee settlement house projects, Rochester. He coordinated the consolidation of three orphanages into St. Joseph Villa, Rochester, in 1942 and in 1944 arranged the establishment of the Monastery of the Dominican Sisters of the Perpetual Rosary in Elmira. He was named a Papal Chamberlain in 1947, and pastor of St. Monica's, Rochester, in 1948, and a diocesan consultant in 1953.

Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Hoefen, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Rochester, was ordained in 1911 following theological studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. Monsignor Hoefen has spent his entire priestly life serving parishes of the diocese and was named pastor of Perpetual Help in 1936. He supervised construction of a new rectory and convent and relieved the parish of its indebtedness. In 1953 he directed the redecoration of the church. Monsignor Hoefen also established a parish credit union to assist parishioners and friends in financial matters.

Rev. Msgr. George V. Predmore, pastor of Holy Apostles Church, Rochester, since 1941, was ordained in 1911 following studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Elmira, and Immaculate Conception, Rochester. After serving as pastor at St. John the Evangelist parish, Spencerport, he was appointed to his present position at Holy Apostles. Monsignor Predmore has authored books and articles on church music and has long been a member of the diocesan music commission.

Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, ordained in 1931, has been diocesan director of the Propagation of the Faith Society since 1937 and managing editor of the Courier Journal since 1942. He was named pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, in 1952. Monsignor Randall is well known in church and civil life for the key role he has played in the financial planning of most of the major institutions erected in the diocese in recent years. These include Nazareth College, St. Mary's Hospital, St. Andrew's Seminary, St. John Fisher College, McQuaid and St.

Agnes High Schools, Rochester; Notre Dame, Elmira, and Mount Carmel in Auburn. He has coordinated the mission program of parishes in the diocese in sending contributions totalling several millions of dollars for missionary activity. Under his management, the circulation of the Courier-Journal has increased from 17,000 to over 54,000. Monsignor Randall is currently national secretary of the Catholic Press Association and also edits the nationally circulated Catholic Press Directory. He also serves as chaplain to the Carmelite Monastery, Rochester, and the Rochester Police Department Holy Name Society. In 1947 he was named a Papal Chamberlain. In October of 1953, Monsignor Randall supervised the Mission Scenerama exhibition which drew over 150,000 in the Rochester Community War Memorial.

Rev. Msgr. Frederick G. Straub, V.F., attended St. Andrew and St. Bernard's Seminaries. For seven years he taught at the former Rochester Catholic High School (now Aquinas), and in 1928 was named principal of DeSales High School, Geneva, a post he held for eleven years. In 1936, he was named pastor of St. Teresa's Church, Stanley, and St. Mary's, Rushville. He was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's, Dansville, in 1940, and received his present assignment as pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, in 1945. Monsignor Straub was made dean of the Ontario-Seneca- Yates deanery in 1954.

Rev. Msgr. Francis A. Burns, S.T.L., following studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries, was ordained in 1922. After serving as assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Auburn, he was assigned in 1928 to the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary where he is professor of fundamental moral and pastoral theology and other specialized subjects. He also serves as an advisor to Holy Angels Home, Rochester, and is well known as a speaker on the Catholic position in labor-management relationships.

Rev. Msgr. John M. Ball, V.F., M.R., pastor of St. Rose Church, Lima, was ordained in 1915. He taught classes in the old Cathedral High School for boys and later served as an assistant at Holy Family parish, Auburn. He was pastor at St. Patrick's, Cato, and was named pastor at Lima in 1934. In 1936, he was named head of the Diocesan Rural Life Bureau. He was appointed dean of Chemung-Schuyler deanery in 1954.

Rev. Msgr. Patrick A. Maffei was ordained in 1920 following attendance at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He first served as assistant pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Rochester. In 1927 he took charge of Our Lady of Sorrows on Delke Street in Rochester. This was an Italian Mission church of Mount

Rev. Msgr. Joseph V. Curtis, V.F., ordained in 1912, completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was a

professor at St. Andrew's Seminary and organized the Catholic Students Mission Crusade there. He also aided in the establishment of Charles House in the present-day St. Francis de Assisi parish. Since 1923, Monsignor Curtis has been pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Clyde, and was named dean of the Wayne Deanery of the diocese in April, 1954.

Rev. Msgr. Edward K. Ball, V.F., ordained in 1921, made his studies for the priesthood at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. For seven years he taught at the former Rochester Catholic High School (now Aquinas), and in 1928 was named principal of DeSales High School, Geneva, a post he held for eleven years. In 1936, he was named pastor of St. Teresa's Church, Stanley, and St. Mary's, Rushville. He was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's, Dansville, in 1940, and received his present assignment as pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, in 1945. Monsignor Ball was made dean of the Ontario-Seneca- Yates deanery in 1954.

Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Azzi, P.A., pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rochester, since 1937, was ordained in 1926 following studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He served as assistant at St. John's parish, Clyde; St. Anthony's, Rochester; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester; and as pastor at St. Anthony's, Elmira, prior to his present appointment. Monsignor Azzi was named a diocesan consultant in Nov. 1953.

Rev. Msgr. Lawrence W. Gannon, V.F., ordained in 1926, has served St. Bridget's parish,

Rochester; St. Mary's, Corning; St. Gabriel's, Hammondsport, and St. Patrick's, Prattburg; and St. Patrick's, Mount Morris. In 1948 he was named pastor of St. Ann's, Hornell, and appointed in 1954 as dean of the Steuben deanery of the diocese. Prior to his ordination, he attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

Rev. Msgr. Arthur E. Ballgan, M.S.S.W., is an alumnus of Aquinas Institute, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained in Rochester on June 6, 1936 and assigned as assistant pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church in Rochester. In 1939 he was appointed assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church, Rochester. Later in the same year he became director of the Family and Child Welfare Division (now the Catholic Family Center) of the Rochester Diocesan Catholic Charities. He also served as chaplain to the former St. Mary's Boys Home and St. Patrick's Girls Home.

Following two years of postgraduate study at the Catholic University of America in Washington, he was awarded the degree of Master of the Science of Social Work. In December, 1952, he was named to his present position of director of the Diocesan Catholic Charities and director-treasurer of the Columbus Civic Center in Rochester.

Rev. Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, M.S., in Ed., diocesan superintendent of schools, made his theological studies at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis archdiocesan seminary, and was ordained in 1940. He has served on the faculties of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, St. Andrew's Seminary and Nazareth College prior to his appointment as associate superintendent at the schools office in 1945. He has continued his educational studies at Fordham University which awarded him the degree of Master of Science in Education in 1951. He was appointed superintendent of schools in 1954. Before his special assignments in educational work, Monsignor Boyle served as assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Good Counsel, and St. Ann's parishes, Rochester.

Rev. Msgr. Leslie E. Whelan attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and was ordained in Rochester on June 3, 1938. He served successively as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Auburn, and St. Peter and Paul Church, Elmira. He became a Navy Chaplain in September, 1943 and served with the Fourth Marine Division in the Pacific during World War II. Following his release from the Navy he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Rochester, on November 7, 1946. He still serves in this post. He also has served as assistant diocesan chaplain since June, 1950.

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