

# RIT Newman Apostolate, 'Elder Brother' Chaplain In Greener Pastures

By Al Bergeron

Whether in the thin dark hallways of the old Plymouth Street buildings or on the expansive fields of the new \$80-million campus of Rochester Institute of Technology, one man is looked for. He is the Catholic chaplain who prefers to think of himself as an "elder brother," Father Gerald Appelby, a priest in the service of students, "the sacramentalist for the liturgy of eucharistic community on campus, a counselor for Catholic students and those of other faiths who want help."

When Father Appelby describes himself as the sacramentalist, he means he officiates at the liturgy—period. "While RIT does not constitute a parish in the strict sense, what we refer to as our parish belongs to the students and they run it."

Turning control over to students is the chaplain's way of breaking them in for leadership in parishes after graduation.

"Lay involvement is the only way a parish can live any more," he says. "There can be no dictating like there was in the past. Never again will there be situations like Father Pastor sitting over in the rectory with the people waiting for him to say what will be done. There will be no more followers. RIT doesn't graduate followers — just leaders."

Student leadership develops in the Newman Apostolate, the service arm of the eucharistic community. There is no Newman Club. "That ghetto mentality" died 10 years ago.

In the Newman Apostolate, students volunteer for two hours a week on committees some of whose titles are educational, social, liturgical, musical, ecumenical and programming.

Fifty per cent of the students he counsels are not Catholic, Father Appelby says. He loves this; he considers himself a servant of the entire campus.

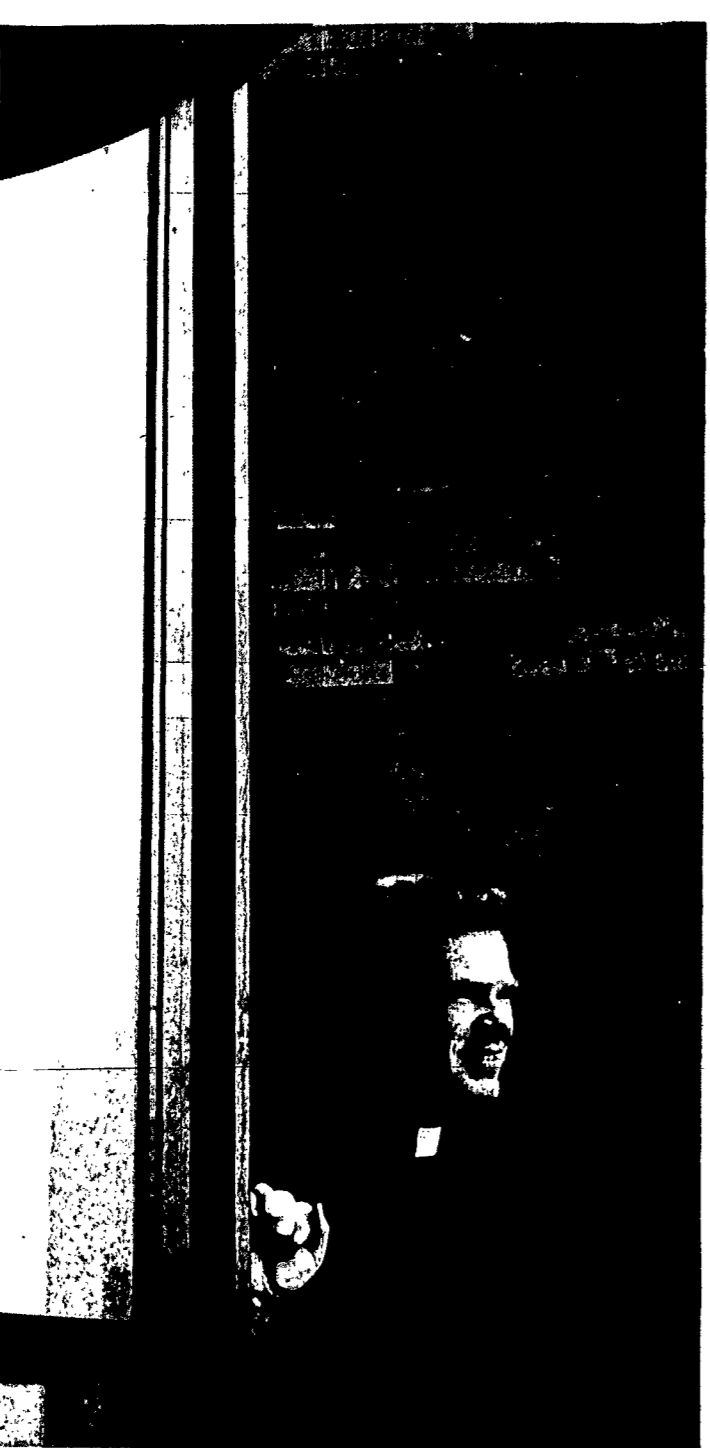
Nearly 60 per cent of what bothers students is not of a religious nature. That doesn't concern the chaplain, either. He believes a priest should be looked upon as a person who can help in many ways.

"Availability is the key to effectiveness," he says. "I try to be out across the campus ready to talk with whoever wants to talk. I attend beer blasts and a coffee club at 2 a.m. If there is one."

"I remember one morning when I was in bed about 1 a.m. at my residence at 1150 Buffalo Rd. The phone rang. A student from a fraternity was on the line. He asked, 'Father, come on over. We're talking about God.' I got up, went over and stayed until 5 a.m., even though there were only a few Catholics there."

On July 1 Father Appelby moved out to his new apartment in the faculty residence area.

This article about the diocesan concern for Catholic students in secular schools is part of the story of the Newman Apostolate for 10,000 students on 17 secular campuses in this diocese. Other schools and chaplains will be featured in future articles.



FATHER APPELBY

"Now I can be easily available 24 hours a day," he says. An advocate of ecumenism, Father Appelby is in regular touch with Canon David Edman, an Episcopalian priest who is the institute's ecumenical Protestant chaplain.

Campus ecumenical fervor hasn't hurt Mass attendance, according to Father Appelby.

"We have nearly 90 per cent weekly attendance from the resident Catholic students at three Sunday Masses. That's amazing."

Musing about the state of students today, Father Appelby notes these characteristics:

- Students are profoundly honest. They won't tolerate dishonesty, whether it be from the government or the hierarchy.

- They want to be obedient. But they understand be-

cause they have to live with themselves. They can never again accept "Do it because I said so."

- There is more vibrant interest in God today than in years. It's not a matter of falling into a pattern. It's more—"What is God calling me to do? Shouldn't I be helping out in the Third Ward as well as being on my knees praying?"



ARTHUR ANZALONE

## Anzalone Named Consular Agent

Rochester-area citizens of Italian descent and business firms doing business in Italy welcomed news of the Sept. 1 appointment of an Italian consular agent, Arthur Anzalone, with offices at 122 Lyell Ave., Rochester.

Available for contacts with the Italian government and Italian business firms, Anzalone is also president of the Cappellino Travel Agency, dealing with problems of immigration, naturalization and translation, as well as travel to Italy.

Born in Palermo and a former officer in the Italian Army, the new consul was a lawyer in Italy. He has been a resident of Rochester for five years and resides at 809 East Ave.

## Bishop Seen Able to Effect Compromise

Boston — Diocesan bishops have the power to alter parish structures, and this power could be used to hold "Establishment and Underground" together, a canon law scholar told his fellows at a meeting here.

Father Robert T. Kennedy, professor at the New York Archdiocesan seminary, St. Joseph's, said that present law permits a bishop, to experiment in any way he and his priests' council see fit. If both the authorities and those who seek few ways keep this in mind, "we could hope to halt the growing polarity between authority and innovators in the area of parish structures," Father Kennedy suggested.

He spoke at the annual convention of the Canon Law Society of America.

Father Justin Ryska, O.S.M., prior of Our Lady of Sorrows Monastery in Chicago, told the society that he foresaw a new kind of life for members of religious orders. They would be integrated into the liturgical and social life of the parish, he said, with the local church being the "ultimate organization" for religious as well as diocesan clergy.

# CCD Announces Education Series

The office of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine has announced a series of "exposures to what is going on in the Church today, and a survey of contemporary means of expression in Christianity," according to Father Daniel Holland.

The Catechist Formation program aims to expose today's Catholic adult to the many currents in today's church and world; to reflect with this adult, in the light of Catholic Teaching, upon his own experience; to develop his understanding of Jesus and so deepen his faith; to equip him with the basic tools of a religion teacher — if he chooses to become one — including a psychology of young people; proper use of texts and films; lesson planning and teaching techniques.

The program will operate in two hour sessions, one night per week, for thirty weeks, beginning the week of Sept. 23 and ending the week of May 18. The hours will be from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at all centers. The registration fee is \$15.00.

Following is a list of places and days when the programs are to be held:

- Rochester Vicariate: Aquinas High School, Monday
- Fairport School of Religion, Monday
- Cardinal Mooney High School, Tuesday
- Holy Trinity, Webster, Tuesday

- Saint Agnes High School, Wednesday
- Saint John, Spencerport, Wednesday
- Avon: Saint Agnes School, Tuesday
- Dansville: Saint Mary's School, Tuesday
- Elmira Vicariate: Corning: Saint Mary School, Tuesday
- Elmira: Saint Mary CCD Center, Monday
- Horseheads: Saint Mary Our Mother, Wednesday
- Ithaca: Immaculate Conception, Tuesday

- Owego: Saint Patrick School, Wednesday
- Watkins Glen: Saint Mary School of Religion, Tuesday
- Waverly: Saint James School, Wednesday
- Auburn Vicariate: Auburn: Saint Alphonsus School, Monday
- Canaandaigua: Saint Mary's School, Tuesday
- Lyons: Saint Michael's, To be announced.

Registration may be made at the centers on the night of the first session.

## His Hobby: Catholicism on Stamps

Eugene Donnelly of 22 Immel St. is a "Coros" and in case you are not an aficionado of the hobby of philately that means he is a "collector of religious stamps."

Donnelly explains that there are coros, as they are known in the stamp-collecting field, for just about every Christian religion as well as collectors of Judaism, Buddhism and other religious stamps.

Donnelly has two religious collections, "Catholicism in Stamps" and a group of Madonnas issued throughout the world.

"Here's a group I like particularly," said Donnelly thumbing his Madonna collection. "15 stamps for the 15 decades of the Rosary." It was issued by Spain about three years ago.

Donnelly has about 200 Madonna stamps and hopes to obtain more at the 32nd annual convention of the American Philatelic Society this weekend at the Hotel Sheraton. The Society's exhibits are on display from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and tomorrow and from 10 to 5 Sunday.

A collector for 20 years, Donnelly has a cover struck in Vatican City on the day Pope Pius XII died. Also in his "Catholicism in Stamps" collection is a set of vacant seat stamps issued in the Vatican in the interims between Pope's deaths and their replacements.

Religious issues are not his only interest in stamps; he

## Guidance Council

The Rochester Diocesan Catholic Guidance Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at St. Agnes High School. The theme of this year's discussions will be "Communication." All guidance personnel and others interested are invited to attend.



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also has a United Nations collection, U.S. plate number blocks, Canadian mint plates and number blocks and singles.

For a living, he works at Hofscheider Corp. where they make the "red-eye wiggle" and that's a fishing lure not a stamp.

## Knights Schedule Annual Pilgrimage

Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will make their fifth annual pilgrimage Sunday, Sept. 29, to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at the Capuchin seminary near Geneva.

The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. with formation of the color corps in the garden. Reclination of the Rosary and Stations of the Cross will follow, with Mass at 4 p.m.

The shrine is on Lochland Road, route 14, one mile south of Geneva. The pilgrimage is open to the public. Francis Church of Geneva is chairman.

## Century-Old House Opened as Rectory

A spacious house built nearly a century ago in the heart of Pittsford has been refurbished as a rectory for St. Louis parish. It will be shown to the public this Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22, between 2 and 5.

The pastor, Father John A. Reddington, and his assistant, Father William J. Flynn, moved in last April, during the remodeling. Living with them is Father John J. Phillips, a secretary in the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. The rectory at 60

Main St. is next door to the church.

The 19-room house, which the parish had owned and rented for the past five years, has been rearranged inside into separate suites. A large common room is used not only by the residents but also by church groups.

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