

Five in God's Service for Total of More Than 2 Centuries

Msgr. Neary A Priest for 50 Years

Msgr. John F. Neary, retired pastor of St. Michael's Church, Lyons, will note his 50th anniversary of priesthood on June 14.

Msgr. Neary, who has been residing at St. Ambrose Church, Irondequoit, since his retirement in June, 1968, currently is in St. Mary's Hospital because of a diabetic condition. He will be 76 on Friday, May 16.

He was born in Geneva, the son of John H. Neary and Bridget Rose Kelly Neary. He attended St. Francis de Sales School, Geneva, Geneva High School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

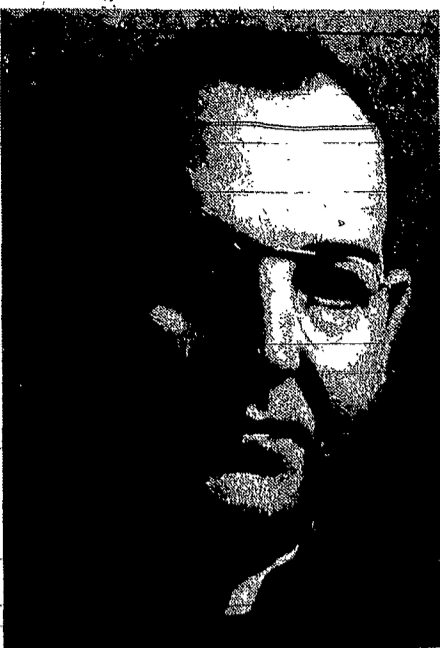
Msgr. Neary was ordained in old St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey.

After serving as assistant at St. Aloysius Church, Auburn (1919-26), and St. Monica's Church, Rochester (1926-31), he was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Church, Montezuma, and St. John's Church, Port Byron. In 1937 he was assigned the pastorate of St. Patrick's Church, Aurora, and in June, 1944, was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Church, Lyons.

Father Richard Orlando, pastor at Lyons, said parishioners are planning a dependency on Msgr. Neary's availability—to ask him to celebrate his anniversary Mass at St. Michael's on either June 8 or 15.



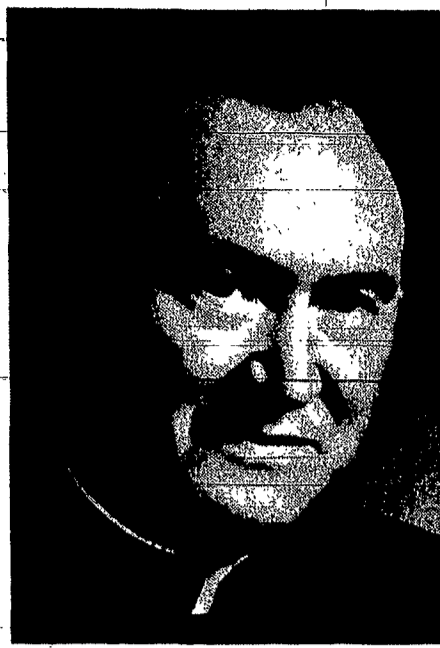
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Four Diocesan Priests Celebrating 40th Anniversaries

Four diocesan priests ordained in 1929 will mark their 40th anniversaries next month. Ordained June 8, 1929, in old St. Patrick's Cathedral by Bishop John F. O'Hern, they are:

Monsignor Gerald C. Lambert, pastor of St. Monica's Church; Father Benedict A. Ehmann, pastor of St. Michael's Church, Rochester; Father Thomas F. Brennan, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Corning; Father Stanislaus B. Krolak, professor emeritus of St. Bernard's Seminary.

Msgr. Lambert will celebrate an anniversary Mass in St. Monica's Church at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, June

1—one week ahead of the anniversary date. Bishop James E. Kearney will preach. Fathers Joseph F. Reinhart and Robert L. Collins, assistants at St. Monica's, will be deacon and subdeacon.

Following his ordination Msgr. Lambert was named chaplain of St. Margaret's Chapel at Camp Stella Maris, diocesan camp on Conesus Lake. For the next two years he was on the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary.

In 1931 he was named assistant director of diocesan Catholic Charities, and became director in 1937 when

the then director, Father Walter A. Foery, was consecrated Bishop of Syracuse. Msgr. Lambert served as director for 16 years.

He was appointed pastor of St. Monica's Church Jan. 23, 1948, and five years later asked to be relieved of the Charities' post so he could devote more time to the large parish. Pope Pius XII elevated him to the rank of Papal Chamberlain in 1953, and to Domestic Prelate in 1956 with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

Father Ehmann will celebrate an anniversary Mass in St. Michael's Church at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 8. Father Leonard A. Kelly, pastor of Assumption Church, Fairport, will preach. Parishioners will honor their pastor at a parish dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14.

Father Ehmann, teacher, writer, musician and lecturer, first served as assistant at St. Patrick's Cathedral for two years while also teaching at St. Andrew's Seminary. He was professor at the minor seminary from 1929 to 1946, and at St. Bernard's Seminary from 1938 to 1947.

He was named pastor of St. Mary's of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen, in 1947, serving there until 1961 when he was appointed pastor of St. Michael's.

Father Brennan will celebrate an anniversary Mass in St. Mary's Church, Corning, at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 8. Father Joseph F. Hogan, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning, will preach.

Father Brennan served as assistant at St. Augustine's Church from 1929

to 1931. He taught at St. Andrew's Seminary from 1931 to 1948 before being appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mt. Morris. He was named pastor of St. Mary's Church in Corning in 1953.

Father Krolak will celebrate his anniversary Mass June 8 at St. Bernard's Seminary.

After ordination, Father Krolak served for a year as assistant at Holy Apostles Church, Rochester. He then attended the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, for two years of graduate work where he obtained a doctor of philosophy degree.

In 1932 he was named professor at St. Bernard's Seminary. He was on the faculty for 35 years before retiring in 1967 because of failing health, and was named professor emeritus.

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A Dream Plus Work Pays Off

By PINCER LEAVEN

Because two women translated their dreams into door to door, shoe-leather work, two ecumenical "Houses of Concern" are blossoming in Penn Yan and Seneca Falls.

The women are Mrs. Marie Updike and Mrs. Hazel Westfall.

A House of Concern is a store where the poor purchase clothing at a reduced rate, an office for job opportunities and hygiene instruction, a referral center for pre-pregnancy agencies such as the Red Cross and county welfare, a place to call when action, not talk is needed.

But a House of Concern is more. It is people of different faiths gathered to serve other people.

In Seneca Falls, Hazel Westfall, a tall, concerned, blond parishioner of St. Patrick's, noticed one day last year that "the more I went around and begged (for the poor), the more I saw a real concern for others growing . . . among our townspeople."

Encouraged by Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap., of St. Bernard's, Mrs. Westfall looked for ways to lead that concern into something concrete. She knocked on church doors and spoke of her dream for a House-of-Concern.

Last August she contacted Father John Hempel, in Penn Yan, director of the Diocesan Secular Mission, and the mission agreed to provide funds for the operation of such a house for six months.

In October, a first meeting, hosted by Rev. Kenneth Roche, pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Seneca Falls, was attended by concerned representatives from nearly all denominations in the area.

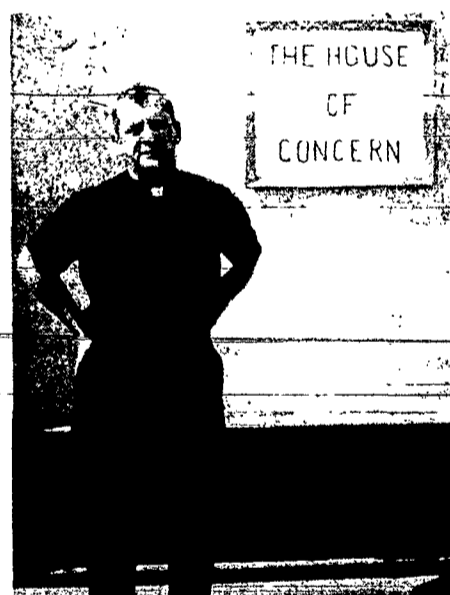
In January, 1969, The Seneca Falls-Waterloo House of Concern opened its doors on Route 5-20, at the entrance to Seneca Falls. Today, the house is in full swing through the volunteer efforts of nearly 80 women and 12 men of different faiths.

Possibilities for the future are the establishment of a housing committee, a day care center, and a clinic. Mrs. Westfall expects to incorporate in July.

Marie Updike's story, in Penn Yan, is much the same. Encouraged by Father Hempel, she, a neighbor Anne Greary (now on the house's board of directors) and others, began to knock on doors, urging Christian neighbors to serve Christ in the poor. Last fall, under the aegis of the



Hazel Westfall (left) pauses to chat with volunteer Maureen Pascitto at the House of Concern in Seneca Falls.



Father John Hempel outside the House of Concern in Penn Yan.

Secular Mission, they joined the local organization of Church Women United. They were among the first Catholic women in the country to be associated with this national group.

Mrs. Updike today heads the 10-month-old House of Concern in Penn Yan, a resource center filled with food, clothing, furniture and hope for those living in "fringe poverty" in Yates County.

Given its start by funds from the Secular Mission and Wayne CAP (Community Action Program), the house was on its own after only five months. It is now operated by Church Women United of Penn Yan and Vicinity and is staffed by more than 120 women volunteers, who, in April 1968, were 120 women volunteers.

According to the officers' report, the House of Concern's board of directors represent 10 local church groups. Papers for incorporation will be filed in June.

Mrs. Updike foresees a day care center, a home economics class, and a cultural enrichment program from the house. She describes the last, "I'd like to let a child know that there is something beyond what he is used to. Just to feel velvet, for instance."

In discussing the impact the houses have had on the community in general, both Mrs. Westfall and Mrs. Updike commented on the "newness" of the idea of Catholics and Protestants working hand in hand on a common project.

Mrs. Updike told the following vignette: "There used to be religious prejudice in the town. But just the other day a Lutheran called one of her Catholic neighbors and asked her to pray 'to a good saint' for her, because she was taking her driving test. That is the sort of thing that means the House has been a success. It has drawn people together."

Father Hempel, describing fringe poverty as "the kind . . . in which the people always have to decide whether they can scrape by enough to have a roast once a week or not," praised the work of these women. "They will go out, pound on doors. They are always ready to accept any help they can get, food, good clothing, furniture."

Any one wishing to contribute to these projects should call either the Penn Yan house at 315-536-6274, or the Seneca Falls house at 315-568-9114.

Neighbors Cooperate, Kids Benefit

"We need a backyard for our kids," a group of inner-city parents told Rochester Mayor Frank T. Lamb nearly a year ago.

They had visions of a tot-lot with swings and sand-boxes and a basketball court to serve some 300 youngsters in the 20-block area around Scio and Syracuse streets in St. Francis Xavier parish.

All the kids had to play on were muddy, empty lots, littered with beer cans, broken glass, abandoned cars and household junk.

For a year the parents met, gradually fusing their efforts into the Neighborhood Interest Club, talking to each other as they never had before about community betterment.

They worked together on such projects as a rat-control program directed by county health people, neighborhood cleanups and removal of junked auto carcasses. But they kept

pushing the city for that tot-lot.

And last Saturday their "backyard" was finished with the desired swings, sandboxes and basketball court, and even patches of fresh grassy sod promising a lawn surrounded by a rustic wooden fence. The mayor himself came to open the big yard for the neighborhood and rode one of the swings to prove its sturdiness for kids.

Father John Skvorak of St. Francis Church, Bay Street, and what he calls the "Social Action Cell of the parish"—four white laywomen and five Sisters of St. Joseph from St. Francis School—watched the excitement with proud joy.

"Since January, 1968, we've been helping these people to learn how to get things done through city channels. We're so pleased with the result. We've just been offering suggestions and helping the people to learn integration and cooperation,

naming Clinton McKensie and Andrew (General) Durnodie, black officers of the Neighborhood Interest Club as the prime pushers for the tot-lot. Father Skvorak said: "This has not been a parish triumph, but a neighborhood friendship effort: we just helped along the sidelines."

Mrs. Jennie Indovia, Miss Antoinette Ferraro and Miss Sally Faria, aides in the Social Action Cell agreed that "the process has become more important than the result," meaning that "the friendship and teamwork practiced by the black and white neighborhood may have more real value than the playground on Syracuse St.

"Neighbors who never knew each other before and hardly spoke when they passed each other on the street, have come to work together and get to respect each other. It's a happier community."

Ordination May 30 for Victor Man

Victor — The Rev. John W. Gouldrick, CM, son of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Gouldrick, 98 East Main St., will be ordained a Vincentian Father at 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 30, in Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pa., by Bishop Joseph McShea of the Diocese of Allentown.

Father Gouldrick will offer a celebrated Mass in St. Patrick's Church here at 12:15 p.m. Sunday, June 8. Concelebrants will include Father Albert Shamon and Father David Simon, pastor and assistant at St. Patrick's, and two priests from Mary Immaculate Seminary, Fathers Joseph McClain, CM, and Gerard Mahoney, CM.

Father Gouldrick attended Victor Central School and Niagara University before entering the seminary. He also has taken summer courses at St. John's University, Rutgers University, LaSalle College and Lafayette College.

The Vincentians were founded in 17th Century France by St. Vincent de Paul, who also helped found the Daughters of Charity who staff St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester.



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