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## Three Diocesan Priests Noting 25th Anniversaries

Three diocesan priests — one a Navy chaplain — ordained in 1944 will mark their 25th anniversaries next month. They are:

Father John T. Walsh, founder and pastor of St. Paul's Church, Webster; Father Francis E. Donoghue, retired and now residing at St. Ann's Home, Rochester, and Father Joseph F. Cloonan, U.S. Navy Chaplain.

They were ordained June 3, 1944, by Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Father Walsh will mark the occasion with celebration of Mass at 7 p.m. June 3 at Sweet's Farm, Holt Road, Webster. It will be followed by a buffet supper to be attended by parishioners and friends.

Father Donoghue will mark the anniversary with celebration of Mass at 7:30 p.m. June 3 at St. Joseph's Church, Penfield. It will be followed by a reception in the school hall.

Father Cloonan will celebrate the jubilee on the West Coast. He is sta-

tioned at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California 93940.

Five other diocesan priests of the St. Bernard's Class of 1944 were ordained earlier, on Dec. 18, 1943, and celebrated their anniversaries six months ago. They were Msgr. Edward A. McAniff and Fathers Joseph Lynch, Leo Lynch, Gennaro Ventura and John Widman.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with priests of the class at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29, in St. Ann's Home Chapel.

Father Walsh served as an assistant at Immaculate Conception Church, Ithaca; Holy Cross, Rochester; St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit; St. Mary, Elmira; St. Joseph, Penfield, and St. Mary, Auburn. He founded Newman Apostolates at Ithaca and Elmira Colleges, and was Newman chaplain at Auburn Community College from 1960 to 1967. He was appointed in April, 1967, by

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen to found the Webster parish.

Parishioners last autumn conducted a successful campaign for funds to erect a parish center on Hard Road, between Ridge Road and Klem Road. It is expected to be completed by Dec. 1.

Father Donoghue served as assistant at St. James Church, Waverly; Holy Trinity, Webster, and St. Augustine's, Rochester. While at St. Augustine's he became ill and took up residence at St. Ann's Home. For several years, however, he has been giving weekend assistance to various diocesan parishes and institutions.

Father Cloonan served as assistant at St. John the Evangelist's Church, Spencerport, and Holy Family Church, Rochester, before being commissioned in the Navy Aug. 9, 1948. His overseas duties have included assignments in Alaska, Pearl Harbor and Korea. He has been at the California postgraduate school since September, 1966.

## St. Francis In Auburn to Close School

Auburn — Unable to obtain teaching Sisters for next September, Father John J. Nacca, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church announced last week that the parish school will close June 20.

The more than 300 pupils now in St. Francis School in kindergarten through seventh grade will enroll either in other parochial schools or in public schools in the area.

Queried about the situation, Father Daniel Brent, associate superintendent of diocesan schools, said the decision to close the school was made by Father Nacca, not by the diocesan office.

"The reason for the closing," he said, "is the fact that the Religious of Jesus and Mary, because of personnel shortages in their community, decided to withdraw the Sisters from the school. They notified Father Nacca of their decision last fall.

"In the light of our own personnel situation, neither Father Nacca nor the Diocese has been able to find Sisters to staff the school. There is a shortage of nuns in the Diocese, and other schools may have to phase out.

"The other pastors in Auburn are doing as much as they can to accommodate the pupils from St. Francis in the other Catholic schools. We hope that through a little planning they will be able to take care of most of the children."

St. Francis School is the only one in the Diocese staffed by the Religious of Jesus and Mary. The school has five Sisters and six lay teachers. St. Francis opened in 1951, and was one of the last schools staffed by the order.

The reason given last fall by the order for the withdrawal is a decline in religious vocations, necessitating a consolidation of work done by the order. Its province is in Hyattsville, Md., and its Sisters serve in the Dioceses of Washington, New York, Providence, Fall River, Manchester, Mobile-Birmingham, Los Angeles, El Paso and San Diego.

Mother Edward, R.J.M., St. Francis School principal, said she believes there is room in the other parochial schools for a majority of the St. Francis pupils.



STATUE FOR ST. JUDE CHAPEL — Father James L. Callan, chaplain at Rochester State Hospital, accepts Infant of Prague statue for St. Jude Chapel now under construction on hospital grounds. Maker and donor of statue was Andrew W. Horton (in white), an Episcopalian and a technician at hospital. Looking on are Robert J. Benedict (left), president of the hospital's board of visitors, and Patrick J. McCormick, former hospital business officer and a trustee of St. Jude Chapel.

## 'Ecumenical' Statue To Grace Hospital Chapel

When under-construction St. Jude Chapel is opened next fall on the Rochester State Hospital grounds, it will contain an "ecumenical" statue of the Infant of Prague.

Its maker and donor, 62-year-old unmarried Andrew W. Horton, is an Episcopalian. Employed since 1935 at the hospital as an electro-cardiogram technician, his hobbies include ceramics.

He didn't know much about the Infant of Prague, but seeing an infant statue in two churches while attending Catholic weddings, he decided to make one for the new St. Jude Chapel.

He has been processing the 16-inch figure for more than a year on his kitchen table at 13 Benton St. The figure is satin glaze, the face and hands French bisque. "Fired on" to the statue are 14-carat gold decora-

tions, including some real rubies from a 100-year-old cloak willed to Horton by an aunt who died in Paris.

The base to which the statue is attached is a solid brass Italian filigree which Horton purchased recently in Philadelphia. Horton presented the statue last week to Father James L. Callan, Catholic chaplain at the hospital.

Construction of the chapel is in progress, and Father Callan hopes it will be dedicated and in use on Oct. 28, the feastday of St. Jude. It is designed to seat 407 persons.

More than \$50,000 in cash and pledges has been received to date in a campaign for additional funds for its construction. Father Callan said that while the formal campaign has been concluded, contributions will be welcome at any time.

## 'Incendiary Language' Of Public Debate Hit By Communion Speaker

"Replace venom and misinformation with logic and facts in public discussion" was the advice of City Councilman Stephen May at a Communion Breakfast address before the St. Philip Neri Holy Name Society.

May decried the "incendiary language of intolerance and vituperation" which have marked local considerations of such diverse subjects as race relations, Vietnam, Blaine Amendment, busing, school violence and sex education.

"In recent years," he noted, "the art of verbal overkill, distortion of the views of others and distortion of facts and emotions have been practiced by too many of our best educated, most articulate spokesmen."

Frequently, May added, "this kind of verbal violence has created anger, frustration, bitterness and polarization of positions on both major and minor issues." These are hardly the elements out of which "harmonious solutions" can be forged, he observed. "Verbal violence may even precede actual violence," he warned.

May stated that "we must all recognize the need to respect the other fellow's views, no matter how wrong

we think he is. We must regain the ability to disagree without being disagreeable."

"This is particularly a time for moderation and tolerance on the part of those in positions of governmental leadership in Rochester, and on the part of those who engage in public controversies, whether on political platforms, in City Council or school board meetings, or even in church and PTA activities," May said.

The councilman stressed that "tempering the intensity of public debate does not mean that we should seek with any less zeal or dedication all the changes our community and our society require." But it does impose on us, he added, "the responsibility to learn the facts and think things through before we criticize, to offer constructive alternatives before we demonstrate."

Noting that reforms and progress "will never be achieved without conflict and intense debate," May said that "the great issues of war and peace, black man and white man, and poverty in the midst of plenty, would never really have been faced directly in Rochester or the nation without many of the menacing confrontations which dominate the headlines."

## Albert Conway, Former Justice, Dies in Brooklyn

Former State Supreme Court Justice Albert Conway of Brooklyn — chief judge of the State Court of Appeals in 1956 when the court reversed lower court decisions that would have barred construction of St. Thomas More Church and School in Brighton — died at the age of 80 on May 18.

Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of the Brooklyn Diocese celebrated the funeral Mass for Judge Conway, who was a Knight of St. Gregory and a Knight of Malta. A friend of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Judge Conway received his law degree from Fordham University in 1911, and held honorary degrees from seven universities.

He was chief judge of the Court of Appeals — highest judicial office in the state — from 1954 to 1960.

In a 6-1 decision, the tribunal upheld the right of the Rochester Diocese to build a church and school in Brighton, reversing lower courts which had ruled that local authorities were within their rights in refusing to grant permits.

The Appeals decision dismissed the Brighton Town Board's contention that a church and school would deprive the town of some real estate taxes, stating:

"The paramount authority of this state has declared a policy that churches and schools are more important than local taxes, and that it is furtherance of the general welfare to exclude such institutions from taxes."

The Brighton Planning Board also had argued that a church and school would lower property values in the neighborhood. The Appeals decision stated that this was "insufficient reason" for denying the building permit, adding:

"In view of the high purposes and the moral value of these institutions, mere pecuniary loss to a few persons should not bar their erection and use."

## Bishop to Confirm 165 Adults Sunday

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen will confirm 165 adults during a 5 p.m. Mass Sunday, May 25, in Sacred Heart Cathedral.

To be confirmed are adults from the west side of the county, as well as those from the parishes of St. Stanislaus, St. Margaret Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Christ the King. Confirmands and their spouses may receive Holy Communion under both species.

The Bishop confirmed 133 adults from the east side of the county last Sunday at St. Ambrose Church.

## Devotions Planned In 2 Languages

Devotions in English and Spanish on Friday and Saturday May 23 and 24, in St. Michael's Church will conclude a "parish renewal" mission program.

Father Dennis Walsh, CP, will conduct devotions in English at 5:15 p.m. on each day, and Father Jose Lacalle will lead devotions in Spanish at 7:30 p.m.

Devotions in Italian were conducted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings May 19-21, by Father Giovanni Montanari.

## Three Diocesans to Join National Task Force on Study of Sex Education

Father Daniel Brent, assistant superintendent of schools in the Rochester diocese; Dr. Gerard Guerinet, an obstetrician and chairman of the Rochester diocesan committee on sex education; and Sister Agnes Kesselring, educational coordinator in the Rochester diocese, have been named members of a national Task Force on Sex Education.

The task force has been established by the Family Life Division of the United States Catholic Conference under the direction of the U.S. Catholic Bishops.

The role of the task force will be to set up program materials and guidelines, as well as to evaluate those already in existence, for sex education in the schools.

An estimated one third of U.S. Catholic dioceses now have some form of a sex education program in their parochial schools. The four dioceses in New Jersey have statewide school programs of sex education.

Other members of the new task force include Massachusetts pediatrician, Dr. William Downey; Dr. John Godecker, a Harrisburg, Pa. obstetrician; Father Walter Imborski, director of the Chicago archdiocesan Canna program; Dr. Ann Lucas, chairman of the department of psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J.; Lawrence Rilla, religious educator in Washington, D.C.; Sister Barbara Sweet, coordinator of family life education in Rockville Centre, N.Y. diocese; and Dr. and Mrs. John Wilke of Cincinnati.

Father James T. McHugh, director of the Family Life division of

the task force, expressed the conviction that most parents favor sound programs of sex education in the schools, although some have been put off by observation of ill-founded attempts at sex education by poorly prepared teachers, and still others may have been propagandized by those groups which see sex education as part of "a sinister conspiracy."

The recently published "Guidelines for the Formation of a Program of Sex Education" have now been sent to more than 10,000 educators and other interested persons and to every convent in the United States.

The purpose of the guidelines is to focus attention on the teachings of the American bishops in regard to sex education in their pastoral letter Human Life in Our Day, and to provide a format for the establishment of diocesan sex education programs which would include parents, diocesan and parish officials and teachers from Catholic schools and catechetical programs.

## New Priest to Say

### Mass of Thanksgiving

Ithaca — Newly-ordained Father Richard Kopp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kopp, 706 Cliff St., will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving in Immaculate Conception Church here at 12 noon Sunday, May 25.

Parishioners will conduct a reception for Father Kopp in the school hall following the Mass. He was ordained May 17 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse.

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