

# New Assignments For 11 Priests

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Eleven priests were appointed to special assignments by the diocesan Pastoral Office today, effective Thursday, June 25.

Major changes occur in the diocesan departments of Education, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Catholic Charities, Campus Ministry and Family Life. They include:

**Father Albert J. Shamon** has been appointed Vicar for Education. It will be a fulltime position, and he is being succeeded as pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Victor, by Msgr. Donald J. Mulcahy.

**Father William G. Charbonneau**, named Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities, succeeds Msgr. Mulcahy, who has held that post for seven years.

**Father Daniel F. Holland** moves up to be Diocesan Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. He succeeds Msgr. Albert H. Schnacky, who organized the CCD 23 years ago and has headed it since that time. Msgr. Schnacky has been named pastor of St. Catherine's Church, Mendon.

**Father Robert L. Collins**, assistant at St. Monica's Church, has been appointed to the fulltime position of Diocesan Director of Family Life.

Two assistant pastors have been named to fulltime positions in the Campus Ministry. They are Father Ronald E.

Gaesser, assistant at St. Mary's, Auburn, to be chaplain at Auburn Community College and Eisenhower College, and Father Richard M. Murphy, assistant at St. Patrick's, Elmira, to be chaplain at Elmira College and Corning Community College.

Four pastors were transferred to larger parishes. They are Fathers Henry F. Adamski, Lawrence W. Sansom, Francis H. Turner and Gennaro J. Ventura.

Among 10 priests named to their first pastorates were Monsignors Schnacky and Mulcahy and Fathers Charles A. Bennett, Raymond H. Booth, Robert J. Downs, Emmett J. Halloran, John Karp, Robert C. MacNamara, Albert V. Ryan and Laurence Tracy.

Fathers Booth and Tracy were appointed co-pastors of Our Lady of Carmel Church, Rochester. Father Booth also has been named as Diocesan Director of the Cursillo Movement.

Father Shamon, Vicar for Education, was ordained May 18, 1940. He earned his master's degree in history at Canisius College.

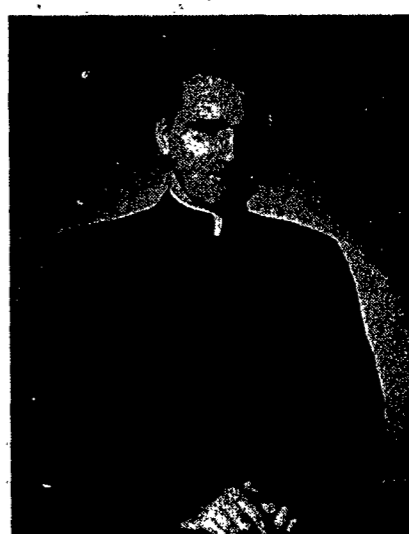
He served as assistant at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Irondequoit, and at St. Mary's Rochester, before being named in 1946 to the Aquinas Institute faculty. In 1950 he was trans-



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ferred to the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary, serving until June 27, 1961, when he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's, Victor. For several years he taught theology classes at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Mercy.

He has authored several books and pamphlets aimed at helping average persons deepen their spiritual lives — *First Steps to Sanctity*, *Behind the Mass*, *Treasure Untold*, *Reflections on the Apostles Creed*. He also is a contributing columnist of the *Courier-Journal*.

Father Shamon's newly-structured Department of Education has five divisions covering all teaching and administrative efforts for religious and secular subjects offered to diocesans of every age. Father Daniel Brent

remains diocesan superintendent of schools, heading the division titled General Education.

Monsignor Schnacky was ordained June 5, 1943. After serving as assistant at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, and St. Mary's Church, Auburn, he was assigned in 1947 to Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta, and was appointed first director of the diocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and also director of the Catholic Rural Life Bureau.

While continuing these posts, he was named in 1956 as chaplain of the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse and administrator of St. Catherine's Church, Mendon. He also has served as chaplain of Rochester Regiment, Knights of St. John, since 1962.

Monsignor Mulcahy was ordained Oct. 18, 1946. After three years as assistant at Immaculate Conception Church, Rochester, he was appointed in 1949 as assistant director of Rochester Catholic Charities. In 1953 he was named director of a division of Charities, the Catholic Family Center.

In preparation he had earned a master of social work degree from the National Catholic School of Social Service at Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

In 1963 he succeeded Msgr. Arthur Ratigan as director of diocesan Charities and also director of Columbus Civic Center.

Father Charbonneau, who succeeds Monsignor Mulcahy as Charities head, was ordained June 6, 1953. After serving as assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brighton, and at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, he was assigned to the Catholic Family Center as assistant director in 1957. He studied at Catholic University and won his master's degree in social work in 1960. He recently was appointed director of Camp Stella Maris, a diocesan summer camp for boys and girls on Conesus Lake.

Father Holland, who takes over directorship of the CCD program, was ordained June 5, 1965. He was assistant at Sacred Heart Cathedral until his appointment June 28, 1966, as assistant CCD director.



Miss Helen L. Costello, who will retire June 30 after 48 years as secretary to the director of Rochester Catholic Charities, is surrounded by priest friends at testimonial dinner June 3. From left, seated, are Msgr. Gerald C. Lambert, pastor emeritus of St. Monica's Church and a former Charities' director, and Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, pastor of St. Ambrose Church, who succeeded Msgr. Lambert in the Charities' post; standing, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, and Msgr. Donald J. Mulcahy, present Charities director. Miss Costello served under six bishops.

## She Has Served Six Bishops

Forty-eight years ago a young Nazareth Academy graduate answered an advertisement for a secretary for the Rochester Catholic Charities office. On June 30—six diocesan bishops later—she will retire.

But in retirement Helen Costello will not be putting aside her interest in needy persons: she plans to combine home gardening with some parttime volunteer work with a hospital or agency.

The ad for a secretary was placed back in 1922 by William T. Nolan, Charities' general secretary—a post he still holds on a parttime workday basis. Miss Costello was the only employee; she began at what perhaps might have been consid-

ered at that time a "going" wage—\$18 per week.

Nearly 30 Charities' staffers attended a dinner in her honor June 3 at the Rochester Club, to hear a half-dozen speakers extol her "complete dedication and loyalty through the years."

Her recollection of earlier years includes remembrance of the awe and nervousness she underwent when, at times "unannounced, Bishop Thomas F. Hickey would come in to the office to ask her to take some dictation.

Since then she has worked under succeeding prelates — Bishop John F. O'Hern, Archbishop Edward Mooney and Bishops James E. Kearney, Fulton J. Sheen and Joseph L. Hogan. During the last two

years she has served on a parttime basis.

She also served under all directors of diocesan Charities to date — beginning with Father John B. Crowley, the first director, through the tenures of his successors, Father Walter A. Foery, now Bishop of Syracuse; Msgr. Gerald T. Lambert, pastor emeritus of St. Monica's Church; Msgr. Arthur F. Ratigan, pastor of St. Ambrose Church, and his successor, Msgr. Donald Mulcahy.

Miss Costello, who resides at 185 Alexander St., has two brothers, Thomas of Rochester and Leo of Florida, and a sister—Sister Marion Patricia, SSD., a French teacher at Mt. Carmel High School who will be teaching at Nazareth Hall in September.

## 'Unrealistic Attitude' Found In Survey

Diocesan school officials studying the compilation of 27,487 responses from the "School and Society Survey" made in every parish in the diocese during March have found an "unrealistic attitude" which worries them:

A heavy vote (70%) insisted that the "Diocese should continue the operation of Catholic schools" but 34% of all respondents said "No" to the question of "more generous giving" to the parish school and its CCD program.

About 26,000 households out of close to 110,000 families in the diocese are represented in the massive survey, Sister Patricia Donovan, R.S.M., reported this week, presenting the statistical results of the project she has directed for the Diocesan School Office.

"Our purpose was to discover attitudes in diocesan households about the present status of our educational work and prospects for its future—how people feel about its value, its cost and the need for reconstructing it," she said.

Almost as many families responded who had children in public schools as those whose youngsters attend parochial schools, she noted. But a heavy weight of the responses (17,482) came from Monroe County.

Giving some estimation of the future pupil-potential the survey discovered that more than 2,200 families will be entering a child in the Catholic schools for the first time this September and that 5,398 fam-

ilies have pre-school children whom they intend to enroll in parochial schools in future years.

The perennial gap between the parochial schooler and the public schooler who gets his religion through the CCD program showed itself in the question on financial support for the two groups, Sister Patricia said.

"Of all respondents 42 percent said no more money should be spent for religious education of the public school children, while 53% vetoed additional monies for the religious education of parochial schoolers," she declared.

There was general agreement among the respondents that the school expenses were the responsibility of the whole parish and not simply of the children's parents. But in the Elmira area some 18 percent insisted that the parish should pay all educational expenses while in the Auburn area 18 percent said the parents alone should bear the full financial burden of the school.

Several questions about whether diocesans would approve the closing of schools for financial reasons or the phasing out of some grades met a strong protest from nearly 76 percent of the survey.

When the question was asked "what was the most important advantage" of putting a child in the parochial school, 65% answered "Christian for-

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