



Diocesan Appointments

Father William M. Barrett, to be assistant chaplain at Newark State School (effective September 1), from assistant pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn.

Father George E. Gauthier, to be administrator of St. Francis Church, Catatonk (a mission of St. John the Evangelist parish, Newark Valley), caring for the Catholic communities in Catatonk and Candor.

Father Arthur J. Hack, to be assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn.

Father James J. Mac Loughlin, from Ireland, to be assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Penfield.

Father Gauthier to Fill New Rural Position

The Catholic communities of Candor and Catatonk in Tioga County, formerly related to the churches in Owego and Newark Valley, received Father George C. Gauthier as area-priest this week in an interesting development of the diocesan rural apostolate.

Father Gauthier was named administrator of the mission church of St. Francis in Catatonk while keeping his office in Candor for the Secular Mission activity covering Tioga and

Tompkins counties. Secular Mission is the rural arm of the diocesan Office of Human Concern.

Explaining the appointment, the Pastoral Office said that the priests and the people in the communities had been consulted on the issue and had approved of the one-year experiment.

Father Gauthier will live in the rectory of St. Patrick's Church in Owego and will receive his support from the families of the Candor-Catatonk area. He will continue to serve as chaplain at Camp McCormick a state facility near Caroline Center.

Although continuing to work out of the Candor office for the Secular Mission he will cease celebrating Mass in the Candor Grange and parishioners will travel to Catatonk for the Sunday liturgy.

Transfer Ban Lifted by School Office

Catholic school principals in Monroe County have been instructed to "follow their own discretion" regarding transfers from public to parochial elementary schools, the School Office noted last week.

In a May 13 memo to the principals, Father Daniel Brent, diocesan superintendent of schools, informed them that the no-transfer policy adopted last February at the height of discussion on the City School District's desegregation plans was no longer necessary.

The three-month policy had been put into effect to keep parochial schools from becoming a haven for those trying to escape the city schools' reorganization proposals. Only a small portion of the proposals was adopted by the City School Board in March.

Queried about the situation last week, Father Leon G. Hart, CSB, assistant superintendent of diocesan schools, said principals have been instructed if they still feel there is "any attempt to switch enrollments for the purpose of sidestepping integration, these should be rejected."

Father Hart spoke in the absence of Father Brent, who was out of town. School principals, he stated, "have been left free to handle enrollment requests in the same way they did prior to last winter's urgency."



Father Robert Bradler, assistant pastor of St. Anne's Church, is pictured celebrating Mass in the Hurlbut Nursing Home, E. Henrietta Road. Assisting are two members of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus—Peter Flanagan (left) and Richard Seaton. In bottom photo Flanagan assists resident to return to her room. Father Bradler celebrates an afternoon Mass each week in one of two nursing homes in the area with the assistance of Seaton and Flanagan, both retired.

The Mass Comes to Them

By ARTHUR P. FARREN

Getting to Mass on time is no real problem for most Catholic residents of two Rochester area nursing homes.

Through the kindness of a diocesan priest and two members of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, Mass is celebrated twice monthly in each home—because of its relative infrequency the elderly residents regard the Mass as a very special occasion and are eager to attend.

And if they can't walk from their rooms to the place where the Mass is celebrated, they are pushed there in wheelchairs.

Not all who might like to do so can attend, however; some of the residents, confined to their beds, are given Holy Communion by the priest following Mass.

Involved in the service are Father Robert C. Bradler, assistant pastor of St. Anne's Church, Brighton, and two retirees—Richard A. Seaton and Peter Flanagan, veteran K. of C. members. Mrs. Seaton also assists, and launders the altar linens.

The practice began a year and a half ago as a K. of C. Fourth Degree project, and Father Bradler agreed to cele-

brate the Masses. It was started at the Flower City Nursing Home, Mt. Hope Avenue, and recently was extended to include the Hurlbut Nursing Home, East Henrietta Road. The Masses are scheduled on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the former, and the second and fourth at the latter.

Catholics are about 40 percent of the two homes' residents. Average Mass attendance is 30 to 40 men and women, some of them blind.

Most give very close atten-

tion to the Mass, pondering every word. Some, however, because of age or infirmity, at times fall asleep and have to be awakened to receive the Eucharist.

An observer will note one outstanding thing about the two congregations: by word or motion they give evidence of real appreciation for the opportunity that is given them to assist at the Holy Sacrifice. For Father Bradler and the two Knights of Columbus this appreciation more than repays their efforts.

Retreat House Lists Activities

Canandaigua — Three week-long "orientation courses" for more than 100 incoming freshmen of Finger Lakes Community College are scheduled this month at Notre Dame Retreat House here.

The five-day sessions are slated from Monday through Friday during the weeks of Aug. 3, 17 and 24.

Men of three parishes will participate in a weekend retreat from Friday night, Aug. 14, through Sunday noon, Aug. 16. The parishes are Holy Rosary,

Rochester; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva, and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian, Syracuse.

Married couples from Our Lady of Mercy Church, Greece, will take part in a Day of Recollection at the Retreat House from mid-morning until early evening on Saturday, Aug. 29.

On Monday, Aug. 31, there will be a day-long ecumenical conference sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy of Gates-Chili. Catholic parishes involved include Holy Ghost, St. Theodore, St. Pius X, St. Helen, St. Jude and St. Christopher.