

# Father Nolan Begins 36th Year in Geneva

Geneva—For the people of St. Stephen's Parish June 23 was a memorable day. It marked the 35th anniversary of Father Raymond P. Nolan's arrival in the parish. Due to his convalescence from a recent illness, it was not possible to plan a celebration.

To serve in one parish for 35 years is unusual. Since his ordination in 1934, Father Nolan had one previous assignment, St. Mary's in Canandaigua, prior to his coming to Geneva as assistant to the late Msgr. William H. McPadden. In 1953, when Msgr. McPadden died, Father Nolan succeeded him as the third pastor of the parish.

Father Nolan's success in the spiritual and educational life of the parish is significant. The parish grew. St. Stephen's grammar school enrollment in-

creased. In 1956 a new addition was constructed and the original sector modernized. During the 14 years Father Nolan served as principal, DeSales High School experienced continual growth.

One of his first projects was the organization of the St. Stephen's Club which became one of the best known social clubs in Geneva until the advent of World War II and the scattering of most members.

Father Nolan's interests exceed parochial boundaries. Some of his community activities include the organization of a Newman Club at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. In 1970, in recognition of his years of service to his church and community, the colleges gave him an honorary degree.



## 45th Anniversary

Father Leo A. Jones, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Weedsport, was honored on his 45th anniversary as a priest, recently. Among those who attended were his brothers, sister and cousin. (L.-R.) John Jones, Rochester, a brother; Mrs. John Kost, Rochester, a sister; Father Jones; Sister St. Gregory, SSJ, Kirkland, Ontario, Canada, a cousin; and Joseph Jones of Rochester, a brother.

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