

## Penfield Parish Gets Co-Pastors

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Father Walter Wainwright and Father William Gordinier have been named to share the pastorate of St. Joseph's, Penfield.

Father Elmer Heindl of Cato will become pastor of St. Joseph's, Weedsport.

The appointments, effective Oct. 4, and two retirements were announced this week by the Pastoral Office.

Retiring are Father Leo Jones, pastor of the Weedsport parish for 30 years, and Father Dominic Grasso, who has been a pastor in Mt. Morris for nearly all of his 41 years in the priesthood.

The shifts result in vacancies at St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris, and the parishes that have been in Father Heindl's care — St. Patrick's, Cato; St. Thomas, Red Creek, and the mission chapel of St. Jude, Fair Haven. Appointments are expected in about two weeks.

Penfield's co-pastors will be the third such team in operation in the Rochester area but the first in a suburban parish. Father Wainwright, a priest for seven years, has been in St. Joseph's since June, 1971, as assistant. His pastor, Father John D. Malley, resigned at the end of August to become a helper at Mother of Sorrows. Father Gordinier, ordained in 1958, has served several assistantships, the most recent at Guardian Angels in Henrietta. Father Wainwright is from St. Mary's parish, Elmira; Father Gordinier, from Holy Rosary, Rochester.

Father Heindl, who once was described by the Army as the chaplain most heavily decorated for World War II service, retired from the Army Reserve 98th Training Division in 1970, after 28 years in the service. He was ordained in 1936 and has served as pastor of St. Bernard's, Scipio.

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FATHER JONES

FATHER GRASSO

FATHER HEINDL

## Respect Life Week Opens

The Diocese of Rochester will join more than 150 other Catholic dioceses in special prayer, study and action programs this weekend.

The week of Oct. 1-7, more than 20,000 parishes across the country will share in Respect Life Week, described as "a Catholic community experience," focusing on the sanctity of human life and threats to life in contemporary society.

Parishes throughout the diocese are free to develop their own approaches to the major themes of the week: abortion, peace, poverty, the aged, youth and the family.

Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York is heading a committee of bishops who will give the week national direction. The Family Life Bureau of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) is responsible for national coordination; and Father Robert Collins, director of Rochester's Office of Family Life, heads the program locally.

The program, to be launched at this weekend's liturgies, will follow a handbook issued by the NCCB.

"A human person, even while living in the womb of the mother is a creature of God with an eternal destiny and its right to life must not be violated by anyone," the handbook says, outlining the first theme of the week.

Scheduled for Monday, Oct. 2, programs will focus on contemporary threats to the life of the unborn, principally that of legalized abortion.

The handbook says that, in the past five years, 16 states have adopted some form of "liberalized" abortion law, and estimates that more than 800,000 unborn lives were terminated under such laws in 1971.

The needs of the elderly are on the docket for Wednesday, October 3. The NCCB handbook states "Twenty million elderly Americans must not be put on the shelf but must be given opportunities to remain productive, creative and in contact with the rest of society."

"It is incumbent upon us that we help to provide the kind of climate which encourages older persons to participate in community and parish activities and to contribute to the work force and volunteer activities," it says.

Dispelling myths which surround poverty in the U.S. is the objective of the fourth day of the week.

The handbook suggests a number of activities designed to familiarize people with the needs and problems of the poor, including a "Poverty Quiz" in which people are asked to respond to a series of questions about commonly discussed poverty related issues — and then compare their impressions with the facts.

The fourth theme of the week is the needs of youth.

"The challenge that youth presents to us is that of making them see how the Gospel values are alive in the Church," the handbook states, outlining the day's focus.

Isaiah, the Old Testament prophet, said, "If you want peace, work for justice." That statement provides the thrust of the week's sixth day, devoted to the theme of peace.

Isaiah's statement, the handbook says, "pinpoints the cause of wars and also directs all who are desirous of peace to make positive efforts to achieve due respect for the lives, property and rights of all men."

The role of the family in society is the theme of the last day of the week.

"All else will fail unless respect for life, the desire for peace, the work of justice, a concern for the unborn and love for the young, the aged and the poor is created and nurtured in the family," the handbook states.

## Bishop Hogan Urges Parish Activity

My dear People:

We need only to open our daily newspapers and watch television news programs to realize that many forces in our world are threatening the sanctity of human life. Abortion, war, violence, hunger and poverty are symptoms of a fundamental failure of our society to fulfill God's Commandment to "love your neighbor."

Respect Life Week is a time of prayer and study to focus on the SANCTITY of HUMAN LIFE and to consider some of the contemporary threats to human dignity in the light of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

The Year of Renewal is a time of prayer and study to determine what we as the People of God of the Rochester Diocese must do to make the teachings of the Second Vatican Council a reality in our lives. The Respect Life Week program will give us positive ideas and suggestions for overcoming some of the obstacles to true renewal.

I urge you to take an active part in the Respect Life Week activities in your parish and to open your minds and hearts to what Pope Paul calls, "the concrete demands of the Christian faith for a just and, consequently, necessary transformation of society."

With a blessing, I remain

Your Devoted Shepherd in Christ,

*Joseph L. Hogan*

Bishop of Rochester

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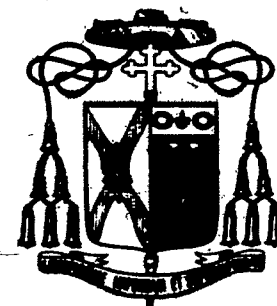
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