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9 Celebrate 40 Years As Priests

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The nine members of the diocesan ordination class of 1936 will join with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan for a concelebrated anniversary Mass, on Sunday, June 13 at 4 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

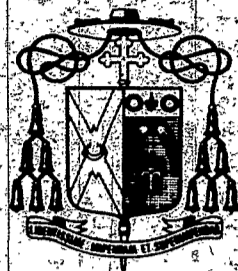
The nine, who will be joined by two "honorary" classmates, were ordained 40 years ago.

Father Albert Simonezzi, pastor of the Church of the Annunciation since 1953, was ordained on April 11. The others were ordained on June 6.

The honorary classmates are Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan, pastor of Holy Family Church in Auburn and Father Walter Sullivan, CSB, who is associated with St. John Fisher College. Msgr. Sullivan was ordained in 1938; Father Sullivan, in 1942.

A dinner party will follow the concelebrated Mass.

Several of the priests are celebrating their anniversaries in their parishes with Mass and receptions.



The remaining members of the class are:

Father L. Emmett Davis, who retired as pastor of St. Patrick's in Corning in 1975;

Msgr. Patrick J. Flynn, pastor of St. Helen's Church in Rochester since 1965;

Father Austin B. Hanna — host of the June 13 events — who has been chaplain to St. Joseph's Villa since 1946;

Father Elmer W. Heindl, pastor of St. Joseph's in Weedsport since 1975;

Father John Maloney, who has been pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ithaca since 1975;

Father James F. O'Connell, who retired from the pastorate of St. Mary's in Waterloo and has been associate pastor at St. Mary's in Bath since 1975;

Father John P. O'Malley, pastor at Bath since 1958;

Msgr. Arthur E. Ratigan, formerly of St. Ambrose, who retired as assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Greece in 1974.

Housing Top Priority, Sheen Conference Told

The complete text of Msgr. Lally's address to the Housing Conference is on Page 3.

By MARTIN TOOMBS

"Human housing is too important an endeavor to be left only to architects, engineers, planners and developers," Msgr. Francis J. Lally told more than 100 people who attended the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation's Housing Conference May 25.

"I think the time has come," he said, "when we stop letting the government and the developer, the city planner and the engineer make the decisions and start making them ourselves."

Msgr. Lally, the keynote speaker for the conference, is the secretary of the Department of Social Development and World Peace of the United States Catholic Conference. John Carr, coordinator of Urban Issues for the Department, also spoke to the group on the nationwide housing crisis, and on the statement issued by the U.S. Bishops, "The Right to a Decent Home."

The Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation is a non-profit group founded by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in 1968. The foundation helps low and moderate income families to obtain adequate housing, and supports other housing groups in their activities.

Earlier in the day, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan announced that he had authorized a \$50,000 interest-free loan to the foundation to enable it to increase its activities.

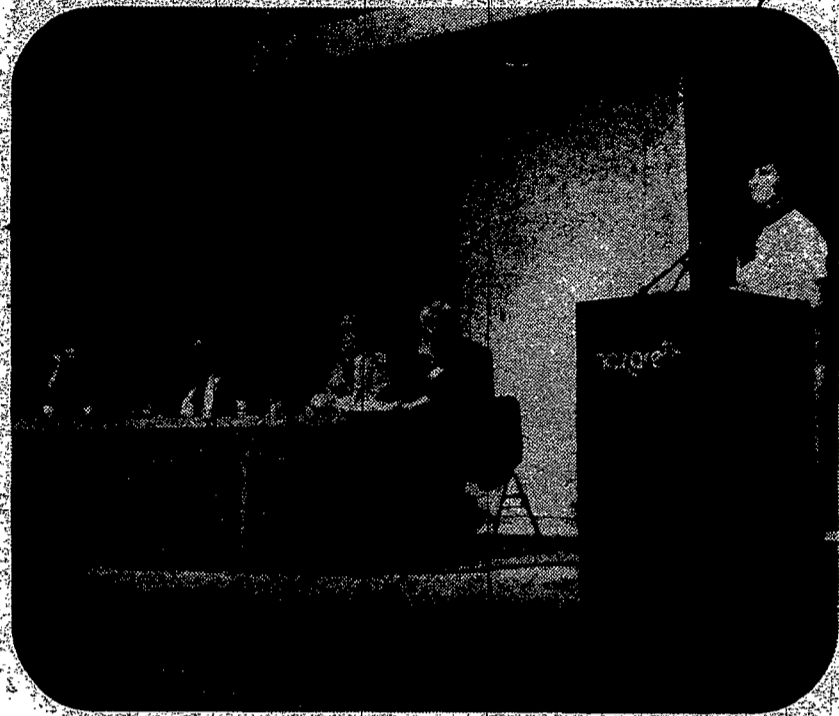


Photo by Martin Toombs

Responding to questions at the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation's Housing Conference were (from left): Father Charles Mulligan, Foundation member; Victor Hadeed, Foundation president; John Carr, Msgr. Lally, and Eleanor Bluhm, Foundation member.

Msgr. Lally told the conference that the problem today is that "we are prepared to settle for what we can get, rather than demand what we need." But Msgr. Lally is optimistic, noting that "it is at this point that housing planned under religious auspices offers us some real reason to hope for the future."

He commented on the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation, calling it a "refreshing" and "unique" approach, and a program other

dioceses could benefit from by studying.

Remarking on the fact that housing is not a national issue at present, John Carr, told the conference that "although housing is no longer cover story material or front page news, the sad fact remains that more and more poor and middle income families cannot afford adequate housing."

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Silver Jubilees Noted By 10 in Diocese

Today, June 2, ten priests of the Diocese of Rochester are celebrating their silver anniversaries of ordination to the priesthood.

A concelebrated Mass with Bishops Joseph L. Hogan, Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty is scheduled for 11 a.m. at St. Jude the Apostle Church. The liturgy will be followed by a luncheon.

Also celebrating his silver anniversary is Father Sebastian Falcone, who was ordained May 16 in 1951. Father Falcone, originally an order priest, was incardinated in the diocese within the last few years.

Those celebrating are:

Father Frederick W. Bush, pastor of Holy Spirit Church since 1971;

Father Edward J. Christoph, chaplain in the Army since 1955;

Father James R. Cosgrove, pastor of Holy Angles in Nunda, since 1970;

Father Robert J. Downs, pastor of St. Pius X in Van Etten since 1975;

Father Michael C. Hogan, pastor of St. Mary's in Corning since 1975;

Father Robert C. MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's in Hornell since 1972;

Father Norbert L. Nolan, pastor of St. Theresa's in Stanley since 1971;

Father Richard C. O'Connell, pastor of St. Mary's in Dansville since 1972.

Father Albert V. Ryan, pastor of St. James in Trumansburg since 1970;

Father John J. Steger — the host of the gathering and president of the ordination class — pastor of St. Jude the Apostle since 1968.

In addition to the celebrations with the bishops, individual priests are also planning parish observances.

Msgr. Eckl: 75 Years in God's Service

Religious and laymen from around the diocese will gather Friday evening at the Maple Dale Party House to honor Msgr. George Eckl, who on Sunday will celebrate the 75th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

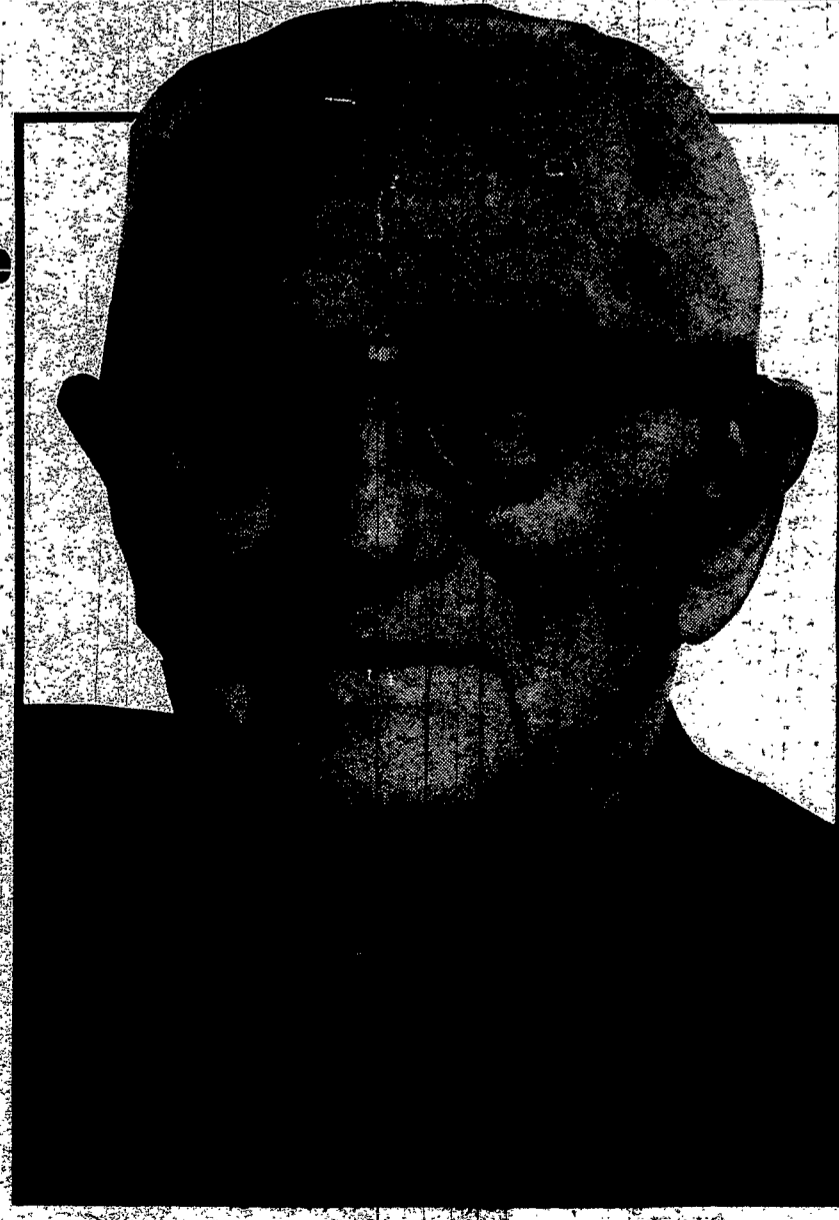
Msgr. Eckl served St. Andrew's Parish for more than 50 of his 75 years in the priesthood. He retired from the pastorate in 1965 and now resides at St. Ann's Home.

He was born on Sept. 26, 1877, attended Holy Family School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. He was ordained June 6, 1901 by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, the first bishop of Rochester.

Msgr. Eckl served at St. John's, Spencerport; St. Leo's, Hilton; and St. Mary's and Immaculate Conception in Rochester.

In 1907 he was appointed pastor of St. John's, Greece, a post he held until his appointment as pastor of St. Andrew's on Nov. 30, 1914.

He was honored by Pope Pius XII in 1947 by being named a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.



Regionalism Series

A series on the progress of regionalism in the diocese will begin in next week's Courier-Journal. Father Douglas Hoffman, director of Pastoral Ministry, is author of the first article. The views of regional coordinators on the progress of regionalism will be incorporated in the succeeding articles.