Scholar, Wifter, Historian.

A priest of many parts By JOHN DASH

It is a matter of fact: he knew that he was called to the priesthood at the age of Late last year he celebrated the 40th anniversáry of his ordinátion to the service of God and the Church, and unwavering is his certitude that his calling is to be a priest of Jesus Christ.

Father Robert McNamara. writer, historian, teacher, liturgist, confessor, priest, the affable professor of Church History recently entertained questions on the state of the Church and his

The professorial clutter of Seminary is dismissed with a wave of the hand and the words, "This hasn't been cleaned since I came here in

ON THE

RIGHT SIDE

Fr. Paul J. Cuddv

When I was loading my

car in Webster fast

November, for a two-week

stint in Elmira, one of our priests asked: "Aren't you

leaving anything behind?" Considering the load, it was

a legitimate question. When

Fr. Foy helped me load to

return home, he was

astonished at the amount

and variety of things. "Why,

your car is like a Gypsy

were justified. On leaving

for Elmira the trunk of the

car had: one bushel of

Golden Delight apples; four

gallons of cider; two cases

of Books: the \$5.95
Teaching Of Christ by
Lawler-Wuerl and Lawler.

There was a box with 600 copies of Treasury of

Prayers; two dozen copies

Mother; 50 copies of the

Scriptural Rosary; 200

copies of a colorful triptych

folder on How to Say the

Rosary. There were several

sets of Abp. Sheen's Gary

Cassette Conferences plus

When Fr. Foy said "Gypsy Wagon," I replied: "Not

quite. More like the old time

doctor who went on house

calls with a satchel of

various drugs and medicines, prepared for many things."

En route, I had lunch with

Frs. Lane and Tormey in

Geneva, and started again

for Elmira about 3 P.M. A month before a zealous State Trooper had arrested me for speeding on Route

14, between Geneva and

Watkins Glen, and a lady

Justice correctly had fined

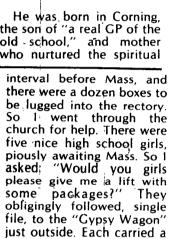
me \$20, plus decorating my

other odds and ends.

Prayers of an Irish

Now, both observations

wagon!'



the church, under the guidance of Sister Remigia supper. The girls said' "We are cooking our supper: spaghetti and meat balls; and you are welcome to come." "Say, that would be dandy." It was good to enjoy the youthful kindness and spirit of five splendid future nurses.

During the two weeks TDY the apples and cider disappeared to sundry places. Over 500 copies of the Treasury of Prayer were sold at the Masses at Sts. Peter and Paul and at the St. Charles Borromeo: Altar and Rosary society meeting. A hundred copies were given away. Several Sheen tapes were bought by happy clients. Twenty copies of Prayers of an Irish Mother were snatched up at a small gathering of AOH women who met in the church hall.

Friends call me "The Huckster", a term I like. The parable which appeals to me particularly is that one about the sower who went out to sow the seed. Any one who wants any of the literature mentioned above can order from me at Holy Trinity Church, Webster,

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his quarters at St. Bernard's Father McNamara jokes with visitors. The Papal Bull seal. In the archives of the diocese and in the long halls of the seminary.

But he's managed a

also frequently appears at

the head of monographs

and essays in area and

Father McNamara escorts

visitors to newly designated.

rooms at the seminary for.

the diocesan archives. He

sorts through the volumes

and boxes on the shelves

and draws down a par-

chment, carefully and beautifully drawn Latin-

words on its face, and

hanging on a cord at its base the lead seal of the pope.

national publications

the son of "a real GP of the old school," and mother

who nurtured the spiritual

just outside. Each carried a couple of boxes, and all were deposited in the rectory in a jiffy.

My five high school girls turned out to be freshmen student nurses at St. Joseph's Nursing School, which is directly across from McHenry, SSJ. Mrs. Barry, the rectory cook, was sick, and there was no one to get

N.Y. 14580.

life of the family. happy marriage of his skills One day, perhaps, the anecdotes about "Doc as a writer and researcher. To wit: three major books, Mac," the physician who one on St. Mary's Church in marked the bills of the Corning, one on the North indigent paid, who was American College in Rome, elected Mayor of Corning, one on the Diocese of Rochester. His name also will be gathered into a book.

Robert McNamara's intention was to pursue an academic life in English. The man who was recently titled "archivist" for the diocese confesses the

But that's for the future.

But when Dr. Frederick Zwierlein retired his post in Church History at the seminary, Father McNamara was appointed to step into the department and take over. He has held the post at the school for more than 30.

paucity of his training in

history

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figures of Peter and Paul on People of God crave means one side, the name of the reigning pontiff on the to express their devotional But "we are too close," he

says fully to appreciate the changes in the Church.

parishes where he serves

has given him the insight

that amid all the liturgical

changes in the Church, the

It is this contact which

when he is not teaching.

That too, is for the future.

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It is the official document

which establishes the

Diocese of Rochester. The

document is called a Papal

Bull, from the Latin 'bulla'

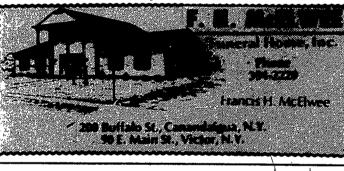
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