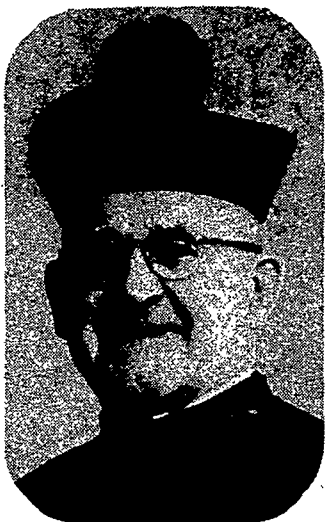


# Msgr. Frank Hoefen Aims for OLPH 75th

Msgr. Frank J. Hoefen, who, at the age of 94, is the oldest priest of the diocese, is taking a major role in the celebrations attendant on the 75th anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.



MSGR. HOEFEN

Msgr. Hoefen's life in the Church spans all of the diocese's bishops, beginning with Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid.

The pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help was born in 1885 and ordained in 1911. During his seminary years he was appointed as a private Mass server for Bishop McQuaid, for Masses held in the bishop's private chapel.

Msgr. Hoefen recently reported to the Courier-Journal that "a week's vacation at the bishop's summer home at Hemlock lake was a reward for serving faithfully. After his private Mass, Bishop McQuaid was

often seen waiting for his horse and buggy to meet him and take him to his beloved St. Bernard's Seminary. The trip started at the corner of State Street and Kodak Alley and ended at the front door of the seminary. The horse knew the way. The people, many of them, greeted him as, wearing his silk high hat and his heavy

black coat, he passed by. He was a grand white haired old man, stern but loved by all."

Msgr. Hoefen's first assignment was to St. Andrew's Seminary. He also served as assistant pastor of St. Michael's in Rochester prior to being named pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in 1923.

At Holy Trinity, he attended to the building of a parish school building on Ridge Road.

He was named pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in 1936, and during his tenure built the convent, the rectory and the school building.

He is also a founder of the new Park Ridge Hospital, and his name appears second on the founder's list there.

He joined the ranks of the monsignori in 1956. Throughout his priestly life he has been a Knight of St. John.

## On the Right Side

By Father Paul J. Cuddy

### A Letter From France

From a French Franciscan:

"I do wish to send you my heartfelt thanks of the beautiful present you made me, with Msgr. Fulton Sheen's Cor ad Cor retreat on cassettes, given in Dublin. The Sheen retreat I used for my Father Cuddy own retreat that I spend in a convent of contemplative nuns. They are "The Little Sisters of Mary", and are recruiting well. During the procession on Aug. 15 I shamelessly counted 12 novices and 2 postulants; and I have just heard they had received a new one. The fourth quarter of their lives, the active one, is spent taking care of old people in brand new homes, and driving around the countryside at more than 50 miles per hour, to nurse some patients in their own homes. And they do look like real nuns.

"The more visible part of the contemplative side of their life is the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed after Mass until benediction. They also sing the divine office, and have two nights of adoration of the Sacrament each week. It was in that spiritual frame that I attended Msgr.

Sheen's retreat. Now I am listening to the cassettes again and they help me finish up the Holy Hour he recommends.

"Although it is a retreat for priests I intend to lend them to my English teaching colleague, a semi-American lady. I'm sure she not only will appreciate them but will benefit by them. And as she knows other English speaking people in or near Le Mans, she will surely lend the conferences to others. Then I'll lend them to my Franciscan brother, a priest in Caen. English is nearly his mother tongue. So you see, your cassettes will do a lot of good.

"Please convey my best remembrance to Fathers Hart and O'Connor. When you return to the Pub we visited, remember me to the people who may have seen me there with you, and to the Publican who offered me a beer. I regret now to have refused his kindness but I am not used to American ways. If ever I return, I'll accept. Give my remembrance to the splendid priests whose meeting at Sacred Heart rectory in Auburn you took me to. I wish you good health to continue your good work at Webster and elsewhere, as well as through your articles in the Courier. I'll pray for that, but in return I count on your prayers. I have more work than before. Some wise people say I am a fool to

undertake so much. I hope Our Lord will give me strength for the work's sake, and for the sly pleasure of demonstrating to the wise, that in the service of Our Lord, it is better to be a fool."

Comment: Father Theophile Rabin is about 50 years old; a French Franciscan who teaches English in a High School in France. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Murphy of Webster are the liaison for 250 French High School students who spend one summer month in the vicinity with American families. Father Theophile came with them this summer as a French coordinator. He has Franciscan cheerfulness, hitch-hikes in his area in France, both as a means of locomotion and as an apostolate since he converses with many who are not devout. He is visibly a priest since he wears his brown habit on the road as well as at home. He wore that same here in the States. I brought him several places, including Sacred Heart, Auburn, and to the local Burke's Grill. Hence his reference to the local Pub. When one considers the continued instruction given to so many French men and women through the Sheen tapes, it is impressive the message can be so continued. Any who wish the Cor ad Cor Sheen conferences, sixteen 30 minute talks at \$34.95; or The Seven Burdens, seven 15 minute talks based on the Seven Last Words, \$24.95, send me a check to Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Rd. E., Webster, N.Y. 14580.

### Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a monthly devotion held at Blessed Sacrament Church, has been slated for tomorrow, Oct. 4. The rites begin at noon. The Rosary is recited at 12:15. The afternoon concludes with benediction at 5 p.m. and a Mass at 5:15 p.m. The devotions are dedicated to the cause of the priesthood.

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OCTOBER 4-7

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OCTOBER 6-7

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OCTOBER 12-13

"Apple Days"  
4-H APPLE DESSERT CONTEST  
APPLE PEELING CONTEST

OCTOBER 15 7:30 P.M.

Greece Performing Arts Society  
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