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Ascension Message

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

In celebration of Ascension Thursday, the students and faculty of St. Anthony of Padua School released more than 200 helium-filled balloons into the air last week. The children took part in a special Mass and immediately afterwards assembled in front of the church on Lorimer Street to release the balloons. Attached to each balloon is an explanation of the event and a message asking the finder to contact the school, and so far, the school has heard from people in Auburn and Macedon who have found them.

## Costello 'Man of Year,' RapAround Wins Again

Nashville, Tenn. — Anthony J. Costello, publisher and general manager of the Courier-Journal, has been named 1979 Man of the Year by the Catholic Major Markets Newspaper Association.

The Rochester, N.Y., diocesan newspaper was recipient of three other major awards announced at the Catholic Press Association annual convention here as part of the Religious Communications Congress.

The newspaper won first prize from the CPA for Best

Youth Coverage and two advertising first prizes from the CMMNA for department store ads and for food store ads.

Some 130 newspapers nominate and vote on the selection of the recipient of the annual Fhomas R. Brennan Memorial Award. The field was narrowed to five finalists and Costello's selection was announced last week.

The award to Costello was presented by Ethel M.

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### Father Robert J. Miller To Be Cathedral Rector

Father Robert J. Miller, copastor of Good Shepherd Church in Henrietta, will become rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral on June 25. His appointment and three others were announced this week by the Pastoral Office.

Father John Dillon was named pastor of St. Michael's, Rochester; Father Robert Kanka, pastor of St. James, Trumansburg, and Father William Leone, pastor of Holy Redeemer.

Father Miller follows the late Bishop John E. Mc-Cafferty at the Cathedral.

For the past seven years, he has been at Good Shepherd, where he served his initial assignment, 1956-62. He has served also at St. Margaret

#### Diocese Thanked

Miss Joan McCafferty and the people of Sacred Heart would like to express their appreciation for the prayers and many expressions of sympathy received from priests, Religious and people throughout the diocese at the time of Bishop McCafferty's illness and death.



FATHER MILLER

Mary, Rochester; St. Mary's, Elmira; St. Stephen's, Geneva, and St. Andrew's, Rochester: He worked in the editorial department of the Courier-Journal in 1964-65. He was a member of the Priests Council, 1976-78, and of the Priests Personnel Board, 1970-72. He is from St. Alphonsus Parish in Auburn, and he attended Auburn public schools before entering the diocesan seminaries. He was ordained June 16, 1956, at St. Mary's, Auburn.

Father Dillon worked with

Rochester's Spanish-speaking community for many years, in diocesan posts. Lately, he has been associate pastor of St. Mary's, Elmira. He has served also at St. Thomas More and St. Boniface, Rochester, and St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen. During his years at St. Boniface, he also was a chaplain at the Eastman School of Music. He, too, is a native of Auburn, from Holy Family Parish, where he was ordained June 7, 1959. He was educated in Auburn public schools and the diocesan seminaries.

Father Kanka, a former associate editor of the Courier-Journal, currently is associate pastor of St. Patrick's, Elmira. He has served also at St. Anne's, Holy Family and St. Michael's Rochester; at Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira; St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris; St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls, and St. Mary's, Auburn. Born in Geneseo, he attended public schools there, then the Irving School in Tarrytown and the University of Rochester, before entering the diocesan seminaries. He did a year of graduate work in journalism at Syracuse

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#### Father Edward A. Shamon, Auburn Pastor, Dies

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was to be principal concelebrant of the Mass of the Resurrection for Father Edward A. Shamon at 11 this morning (Wednesday) at St. Aloysius Church here, where Father Shamon was pastor.

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Tuesday night, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was principal concelebrant and Father Joseph Egan the homilist at the Mass of Christ the High Priest.

Father Shamon was stricken and died Saturday night, May 17, 1980, at a party at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo celebrating the 40th anniversary as a priest for his twin brother, Father Albert J. Shamon.

Father Shamon collapsed at the head table and never



FATHER SHAMON.

recovered consciousness. He was taken by ambulance to Taylor Brown Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The 65-year-old priest had a history of heart trouble.

Born April 3, 1915, Father Shamon was the son of the late Asad C. Shamon and Nettie Mahfoud. In addition to his twin, he is survived by four sisters, Betty, Marie, Lillian and Mrs. John Halack.

Sister Maureen Halack, SSJ, is his niece.

He attended St. Aloysius and Auburn East High School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney June 6, 1942.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Michael's Church in Rochester. He was also assistant at Mount Carmel, Our Lady of Lourdes in Rochester, St. Agnes in Avon and St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen.

While at St. Mary's, he also was chaplain of the Grand Prix Association and chaplain at Camp Monterey, a state correctional institute:

In 1959, Father Shamon was appointed pastor to establish a new parish in Greece — St. Lawrence. The new church is a blend of colonial and Georgian architecture, designed for the most part by Father Shamon. He also designed the altar, the

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