

# Four Priests Retire

The most highly decorated chaplain in World War II, the perhaps, most widely-quoted area priest, the former vicar general of the diocese and the last priest to be appointed assistant pastor of the old St. Patrick's Cathedral, are all entering the world of retirement this year.

The retirees are: Father Elmer Heindl, Father Raymond Heisel, Msgr. James McAniff and Father James O'Connell.

Father Heindl's parishioners at St. Joseph's in Weedsport will fete him with a dinner at Riordan's on June 19. On Sunday, June 29, he and the incoming pastor Father George Wiant will concelebrate a 1 p.m. Mass. A reception will follow. Father Heindl will summer at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Father Heindl was ordained June 6, 1936, by Bishop James E. Kearney in Rochester's St. Patrick's Cathedral. He served assistant pastorates at St. Mary's in Dansville, Holy Ghost in Coldwater, St. Alphonsus in Auburn and St. Andrew's in Rochester.

He was commissioned an Army chaplain in 1942 and was sent overseas to serve with the 37th division in the Pacific during the Second World War. Within two years stories were being published citing tales of his heroism at the front. He was cited for bravery in Manila, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by General Douglas MacArthur, and given the Silver Cross for courage and devotion to duty in the landing with the first American troops invading Luzon. He had been attached to the "Buckeye Division" 148th Infantry Regiment.

He returned to the U.S. in 1946 and remained on staff in the Army until 1948 when he was named assistant pastor at Old St. Mary's. Later he served as assistant at Holy Trinity in Webster, and received his first pastorate, St. Bernard in Scipio Center in 1958. That post had missions at St. Hilary in Genoa and St. Isaac Jogues in Fleming.

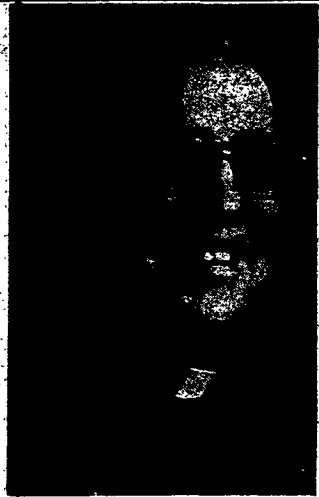
In 1960 he became pastor of St. Theodore's in Gates and in the following year pastor of St. Patrick's in Cato and St. Thomas in Red Creek. He was instrumental in establishing St. Jude Chapel in Fairhaven.

He was admitted into the Legion of Valor in 1964.

He assumed the pastorate of St. Joseph's in Weedsport in 1972, and since 1976 has also been the regional coordinator. In addition, Father Heindl has been chaplain of the 98th Reserve Division, chaplain of the American Legion, and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Knights of Columbus.

The people of St. Anne's parish will join Father Heisel in a 9:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, June 15, the date of his 45th anniversary of ordination. Clarence Dangler, president of the parish council, and Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, pastor, will speak on the occasion. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the school auditorium.

Father Heisel, whose witty words and sage observations have frequently seen print in the diocese, was ordained June 15, 1935 by Archbishop Edward Mooney in Rochester's St. Patrick's Cathedral. He served as assistant pastor of St. John the



FATHER HEINDL



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MSGR. McANIFF



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Baptist in Elmira, during which time he was chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and the Junior Catholic Daughters. In addition, he was active in interfaith work there. In 1942 he was named Monroe County Hospital chaplain, and, a year later, assistant at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

In 1944 he was commissioned a first lieutenant chaplain in the Army. He arrived in Tokyo with the 329th Quartermaster Corps. In Japan, Chaplain Heisel served with the First Cavalry Division.

On his return to the United States, Father Heisel picked up his chaplaincies with the Knights of Columbus, and was in large measure responsible for the formation of the First Friday luncheon program.

In 1946 he was named assistant pastor of St. Andrew's in Rochester. Four years later, with the rank of Captain in the Army Reserves, he was called to duty and worked with both the Army and Navy off the coast of Labrador.

He was named pastor of Holy Angels in Nunda and Holy Name in Groveland in 1956. Two years later he returned to St. John the Baptist in Elmira as pastor.

In 1961, Bishop Kearney named him pastor of Holy Trinity in Webster, a post he held eight years until he replaced Bishop Joseph L. Hogan as pastor of St. Margaret Mary in Irondequoit. During his pastorate, his column in the weekly parish bulletin was frequently cited in the daily press. Father Heisel relinquished the pastorate in 1978 to take an assignment as associate at St. Anne's in Rochester. On his retirement, Father Heisel will reside at Our Mother of Sorrows.

Father O'Connell was ordained by Cardinal Edward Mooney in Rochester's St. Patrick's Cathedral on June 6, 1926. He was assigned that year to the cathedral, thus becoming the last assistant appointed to the post. In 1940 he took up the assistant pastorate at St. Lucy's Church, a post he held 13 years until he was named pastor of the Church of the Epiphany in Sodus/St. Rose in Sodus Point/St. Mary Magdalen in Wolcott/St. John Fisher in East Bay. Three years later he was named

pastor of Our Lady of the Lake in Ontario. In 1959 he was appointed to the pastorate of St. Mary's in Waterloo. The following year Bishop Kearney named him deanery moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates Deanery Council. As pastor in Waterloo, Father O'Connell directed two successful drives for the construction of a new school addition and for a convent and a rectory.

In 1973 he was given the title pastor emeritus. He holds membership in Knights of Columbus, fourth degree; was once a member of the Lions Club, served for several years on the board of the Seneca County United Fund. In addition he held the post of president on the Seneca Falls Ministerial Council of Churches. He took the post of associate pastor of St. Mary's in Bath in 1975.

Msgr. McAniff was ordained Dec. 5, 1933 from the North American College in Rome. He pursued further study which culminated in a doctorate in Theology from the Gregorian University and a licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Institute of St. Appollinare.

On his return from Europe in 1938, he served as assistant pastor at St. Francis Xavier and as chaplain at St. Ann's Home. In 1939 he was appointed vice chancellor of the diocese and chaplain of Sacred Heart Academy.

In 1942 he was named a diocesan trustee and diocesan consultant. For the next five years Msgr. McAniff also began serving as pro-synodal judge of the diocesan Tribunal and to hold posts on the board of directors of such institutions as the Courier-Journal and Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Pope Pius XII, in 1947, invested him with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor. A short time later he was named chancellor of the diocese.

He assumed the pastorate of Old St. Mary's in 1949.

Again, in 1952, Pope Pius XII further elevated him, this time to the rank of domestic prelate. Two years later Msgr. McAniff was given the title of Vicar General of the diocese, a post he held until 1967.

In 1956, the pontiff again elevated his title, this time to Protonotary Apostolic, and with it the privilege of pontificating at Mass four times a year.

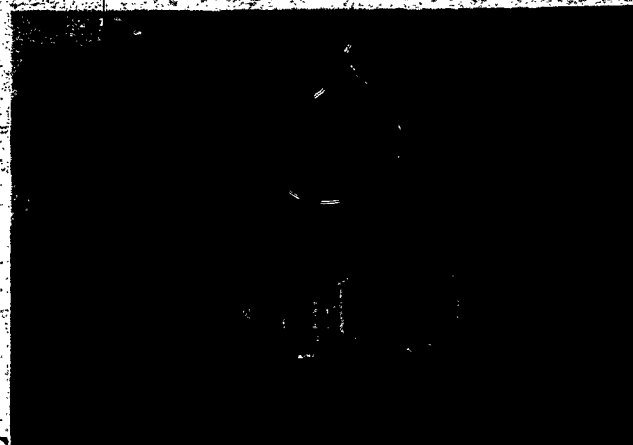
# Basilian House to Come Down

After more than 80 years of service to the religious of the Rochester diocese, the Basilian residence at 402 Augustine St. will be partially torn down and renovated beginning early July.

The renovations call for tearing down approximately two-thirds of the existing structure and remodeling the North Wing to accommodate up to 18 members of the Basilian order that serve adjacent Aquinas Institute.

Last Sunday, the Basilians invited the Sisters of St. Joseph to a reception at the house commemorating the many years of service the facility has provided for both orders.

The history of the building dates back to 1898 when the Sisters of St. Joseph opened a normal school on the site for the training of young novitiates. In 1920 the building became the motherhouse when the order sold to the city the site of the



Basilian House.

previous motherhouse at Plymouth and Jay streets.

In 1928, the house became the home of Nazareth College and 14 years later the college was moved to its present location on East Avenue and the building was sold to the Basilians.

The building has been the Basilian novitiate, on and off, since 1943 but present plans call for the novitiate to be in Detroit. Although some 27 live in the house now, it is expected that the number will be down the 15 next year. Renovations are expected to be completed by 1981.

# Senior Day

The Senior Citizens' Social Club will meet Sunday, June 15, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Church of the Annunciation hall on Norton St. Dancing will be to the music of Gene Harold and orchestra.

# To Aid Cubans

Carol Shuckra, director of Community Volunteer Services for the Rochester-Monroe County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has been assigned to the Cuban Refugee Center at Indiantown Gap, Pa., for a limited period as a recreation director. About 12,000 refugees are now at Indiantown Gap, and it is expected that the camp will eventually house 20,000.

# Charismatics

Father Edward Palombos will celebrate a "charismatic" Mass at Christ the King Church, Monday, June 23 at 8 p.m. the public is invited to attend.

# Holy Hour

A holy hour dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe will follow the noon Mass at Old St. Mary's Church, June 12. A 15-decade rosary will be recited.

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