



The class of 1956 stands in prayer on the altar of St. Cecelia's Church on Culver Road last Tuesday, May 12, during the anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, center. More than 130 clergy attended the Mass, lauding those marking 25 years in the priesthood.

Clergy Unite to Honor Diocesan Jubilarians

More than 130 clergy of this diocese and elsewhere gathered last week to honor the 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood of eight diocesan priests.

The eight are Father William J. Cosgrove, actually ordained in Rome, Dec. 17, 1955; Father Walter F. Cushing, Father Joseph F. D'Aurizio, Father Gerard J. Guli, Father Robert J. Kanka, Father Robert J. Miller, ordained in Auburn, on June 16; Father Elmer J. Schmidt, and Father Robert J. Winterkorn.

Father Cosgrove, pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Clyde/St. Patrick, Savannah, holds a licentiate in Sacred Theology from Gregorian University in Rome. He was ordained there by Archbishop Martin O'Connor. Father Cosgrove has served at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Ss. Peter and Paul churches in Rochester, St. Michael's in Penn. Yan, as chaplain at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell, and as pastor at St. Francis Xavier in Rochester.

Father Cushing, pastor of St. Cecelia's, who hosted the gathering, is a native of Corning and a graduate of St. Patrick's School and Corning Free Academy, as well as of the two Rochester seminaries. He was ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney June 9, 1956. In that year he was appointed assistant pastor at Holy Cross Church in Rochester. In 1962 he was appointed chaplain to St. Agnes High School, a post he held until his 1978 pastorate. During his chaplaincy days, Father Cushing also served Monroe County Jail.

Father D'Aurizio, pastor of Greece's St. John the Evangelist Parish, was also ordained June 9 by Bishop Kearney. He had attended St. Andrew's School and the two seminaries. He was first named assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Parish. Five years later he was assigned to Catholic Charities, during which appointment he held various titles including that of director. During the early 60s Father D'Aurizio earned an MSW degree from Boston College. After the reorganization of



FR. COSGROVE



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Catholic Charities in 1977. Father D'Aurizio briefly served at the Cathedral parish prior to being named pastor of St. John's.

Father Guli, associate at St. Margaret Mary Church in Rochester, also was ordained by Bishop Kearney in 1956. He has served Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Rochester, St. Mary's in Auburn, Holy Apostles in Rochester, St. Anthony in Elmira, the Cenacle in Rochester, St. Francis in Auburn, St. Ambrose in Rochester, St. Michael's in Rochester, and St. Stanislaus, Bradford/St. Joseph, Campbell. He also has served for a time with the Diocese of Wheeling, W.Va.

Father Kanka, pastor of St. James the Apostle in Trumansburg, has studied at the University of Rochester, Syracuse University and the Rochester Seminaries. He too was ordained June 9 by Bishop Kearney. He has served at St. Anne's and Holy Family parishes in Rochester. In 1965, he was named associate editor of the Courier-Journal. In addition, Father Kanka has served at St. Michael's in Rochester and Ss. Peter and Paul in Elmira, during which assignment he served as president of the Elmira Ministerial Association. In 1974 he was named to the pastorate of St. Patrick's in Seneca Falls. Prior to his Trumansburg appointment, Father Kanka had also served at St. Mary's in Auburn.

Father Miller, rector of Sacred Heart Cathedral,

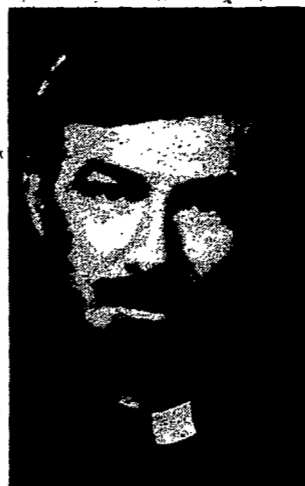
was ordained in Auburn's St. Mary's Church, his home parish, by Bishop Lawrence B. Casey on June 16, 1956. He had attended Auburn schools and the two Rochester seminaries. He has twice served at Good Shepherd, once as assistant and the other as co-pastor. He has also served at St. Margaret Mary in Rochester, St. Mary in Elmira, St. Stephen in Geneva and St. Andrew in Rochester. In addition, Father Miller served briefly on the editorial staff of the Courier-Journal.

Father Schmidt was ordained by Bishop Kearney on June 9 after schooling at Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Rochester seminaries. He has served as assistant pastor at Holy Family, Rochester; St. Anne's, Rochester; Assumption, Fairport; and St. Vincent's, Corning. In 1974 he was named pastor of St. Margaret Mary in Apalachin, a post he holds today.

Father Winterkorn, pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport, and widely known for his work in fire prevention and fighting, as well as scouting, was ordained by Bishop Kearney June 9, after schooling at the diocesan seminaries. He was first assigned to St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit, then to St. John the Evangelist, Greece; St. James, Irondequoit; and Guardian Angels, Henrietta. He was named to his present post in 1975.



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