

# Two Priests Note Golden Jubilees

Two diocesan priests, Father Ralph F. Neagle and Msgr. John S. Randall, are celebrating their golden jubilees of ordination to the priesthood.

Father Neagle, who for the past quarter century has been under contract to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Asheville, N.C., will be feted June 5 by Asheville Knights of Columbus at a concelebrated Mass and later at a special testimonial dinner at St. Lawrence Church in Asheville.

Also expected to be present for the event will be Father Neagle's brother, Avery, from this diocese.

On June 14, Father Neagle will return for a few days to his native Auburn. He will celebrate Mass at noon on Sunday, June 14, in the rectory chapel of Sacred Heart Parish, and he extended an

invitation to his fellow priests and friends to join him in that event. June 14 marks Father Neagle's 50th anniversary of celebrating Solemn Mass.

Msgr. Randall, a resident at St. Ann's Home/The Heritage, is ill at this time and plans for his celebration are being delayed.

Father Neagle schooled at Auburn Academic High School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries before being ordained by Bishop John Francis O'Hern in Rochester's St. Patrick's Cathedral.

He was first assigned to assist at Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Rochester, and later to St. Bridget's, Rochester; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; and St. Cecilia, Elmira.

In World War II he volunteered for the Army Chaplain Corps and after



FATHER NEAGLE

After his tour of duty, serving with the 100th Division at Fort Jackson, S.C., spent two years with the Ninth Base Hospital at Guadalcanal and Okinawa. He attained the rank of Major before his separation from the Army.

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MSGR. RANDALL

Father Neagle became a Veterans Administration chaplain at the Bath, N.Y., facility, serving there until 1952, when he was transferred to his present post in North Carolina.

In 1961 he was installed as

Faithful Navigator of the Asheville Fourth Degree, K of C. This was said to be the first time that a priest was installed in an office in the organization in North Carolina.

Msgr. Randall, a native of Newark, attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries before being ordained by Bishop O'Hern on June 6, 1931. His first assignment was to the old St. Patrick's Cathedral and later as assistant at Holy Family, Auburn.

In 1937 he was named assistant director of the diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and was named director the year following. He retained his office until 1956.

In 1938 he was also given the duties of chaplaincy at the Carmelite Monastery.

In 1942 he was named managing editor of the

Catholic Courier-Journal, a post he held until 1971.

He was designated a Papal Chamberlain in 1947 and a Domestic Prelate in 1956, the same year he was elected president of the national Catholic Press Association.

In 1952 he was named pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, relinquishing the post in 1956.

In addition, he was director of many major fund drives for the diocese, and served as chaplain to the Holy Name Society of the Police Department, the Blackfriars Guild, and the Joint Council of the CIO-AFL Central Board of Trade and Labor.

After his retirement in 1971, Msgr. Randall took a post with the New York City office of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and was a principal shaper of the national Catholic Golden Age Society.

# Clergymen Celebrate 40-Year Anniversaries

A bishop and seven priests of the diocese are celebrating the 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood June 7.

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and Fathers Charles B. Connell, Vincent LeFrois, John J. Nacca, Thomas Reddington, Lawrence W. Sansom, James F. Slattery and Paul G. Wohlrab were all ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Church, later to be designated the Cathedral, June 7, 1941.

Father Wohlrab, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, has served as assistant pastor of St. Michael's, Rochester; Holy Trinity, Webster; Holy Rosary, Rochester; St. Andrew's, Rochester; and as chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital. In 1965 he assumed the dual pastorate of St. Michael's, Livonia Center/St. Mary's, Honeoye, a post he held two years.

Father Slattery, pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace, which he founded in 1960, served assistant pastorates at



FATHER CONNELL

Our Lady of Lourdes, Brighton; St. Ignatius Loyola, Hornell, and St. Vincent de Paul, Corning.

Father Sansom, associate at Our Lady of Good Counsel, has served the parishes of St. Joseph's, Wayland; St. Anthony's, Elmira; St. Agnes, Avon; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester; St. Theodore's, Gates; St. Mary's, Corning; St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport; and Holy Family, Auburn. In 1966 he was named pastor of St. James the Apostle in Trumansburg. In 1970 he was appointed pastor of the dual parishes St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen/St. Benedict, Odessa. Following that assignment Father Sansom worked for a time in another diocese. He was named associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in 1975.

Father Reddington, pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, which he founded in 1964, served assistant pastorates at St. Michael's, Newark; St. Alphonsus, Auburn; St. Paul of the Cross, Honeoye Falls; St. Monica's, Rochester; and St. Charles Borromeo, Rochester. In 1945 and 1946 he served with the United States Navy, first with the Eighth Service Regiment of the Fifth Amphibious Corps in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and in the occupation of Japan, later with the Fourth Marine Regiment in China.

Father Nacca, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Auburn since 1949, served assistant pastorates at St. Francis, Auburn; Assumption, Fairport and St. Francis Xavier, Rochester. Father Nacca has the distinction of



FATHER LEFROIS



FATHER SANSOM

holding a single pastorate for the longest term of any living pastor in the diocese.

Father LeFrois, pastor at the dual parish of St. Michael, Livonia Center/St. Mary, Honeoye, was first assigned to teach religion at St. Anselm's Abbey in Manchester, N.H. In 1942 he began his diocesan assignments. He has served assistant pastorates at St. Anthony's, Rochester; St. Mary's, Canandaigua; St. Patrick's, Sacred Heart, and St. Andrew's, Rochester; and St. Salome's, Irondequoit. In 1964 he was named pastor of the dual parish, Holy Angels, Nunda/Holy Name, Groveland, a post he held until 1967.

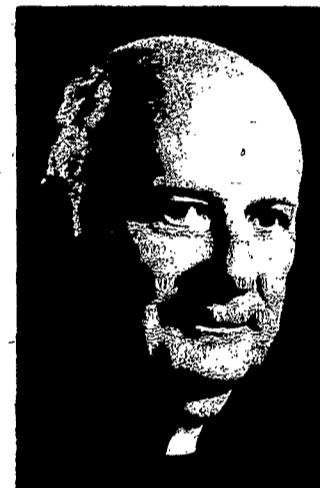
Father Connell, pastor of St. Philip Neri Parish since 1967, served assistant pastorates at St. Patrick's, Old St. Mary's, and Corpus Christi, Rochester. He also served chaplaincies, first to St. Mary's Hospital and later to Nazareth Academy. In 1965, Father Connell was named pastor of St. Gregory's in Marion.



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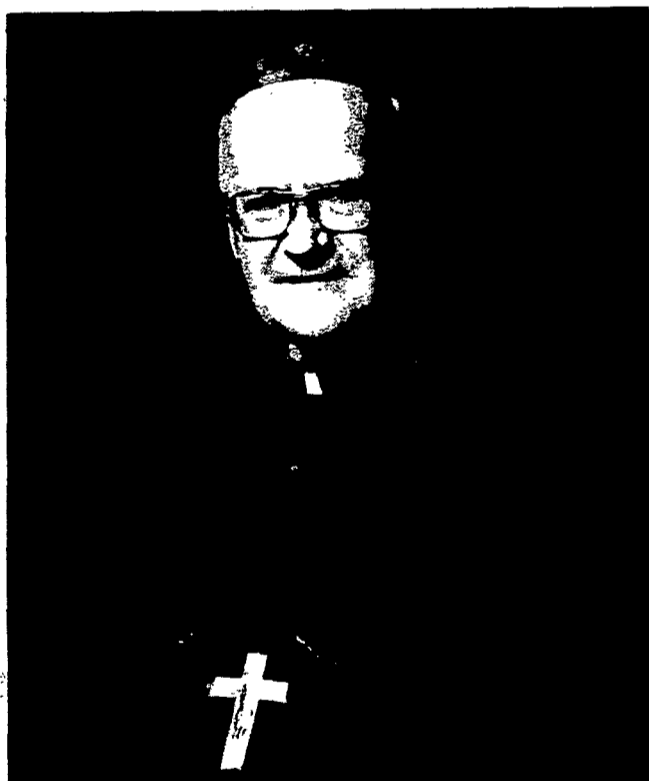
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Bishop Hickey

## Bishop Hickey Notes 40th Year as Priest

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey, vicar general of the diocese and director of the Division of Personnel, Staffing and Development, will note his 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood Sunday, June 7. He was ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney, June 7, 1941.

The son of Walter and Aloysia Sullivan Hickey attended Colgate University and St. Bernard's Seminary prior to his ordination.

He served as assistant pastor of St. Mary's in Auburn for five years before being named secretary of the Diocesan Tribunal. He was designated a Papal Chamberlain in 1952, a title upgraded to Domestic Prelate in 1959. In 1961, Msgr. Hickey was named pastor of St. Theodore's Parish.

He was appointed vicar general in 1967 and consecrated a bishop on March 14 the following year.

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