

11 Pastors Retire from Administration

Eleven pastors in the diocese are retiring this year. They are Msgr. Charles V. Boyle, pastor of St. Anne's, Rochester; Msgr. Richard K. Burns, St. Thomas the Apostle; Father J. Walter Carron, St. Mary's, Geneseo; Father John S. Maloney, St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca; Father Thomas F. McVeigh, St. Michael's, Penn Yan; Father John P. O'Malley, Holy Cross, Rochester; Father Francis Pegnam, St. Thomas More; Msgr. Joseph Sullivan, Holy Family, Auburn; Father Francis Vogt, St. Anne's, Palmyra; Father Raymond J. Wahl, Sacred Heart, Auburn; Father John S. Whalen, St. Patrick's, Mt. Morris.

Msgr. Boyle's ministry has thus far spanned diocesan administration and parish work. He is a New York City native, educated at All Hallows Institute and Fordham University. He entered Kenrick Archdiocesan Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., for theology studies and was ordained for this diocese in 1940. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Rochester. Until 1942, he also taught apologetics and ethics at St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing, when he joined the faculty of Nazareth College as professor of apologetics. In his first year of priesthood, he also directed the Catholic Courier Weekly Newscast.

He was named assistant pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in 1944, during which time he also took over administration of the parish.

In 1946, he was named associate superintendent of schools. He took a masters in education from Fordham in 1951, and pursued additional graduate work there until 1953. The following year he was named superintendent of schools.

Pope Pius XII conferred on him the rank of domestic prelate in 1956. In 1959 he was named pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street, a post held until 1973, when he was named pastor of St. Anne's. In addition, he has served as a diocesan consultor, as a representative of the National Catholic Welfare Conference (the forerunner of the United States Catholic Conference), as a committee member for the state Education Department, as board member of the National Catholic Education Association, as spiritual director of the Kolping Society, as president of the Southeast Ministers Association, as a member of the board of directors of the Rochester Area Council of Churches, and as a member of the board for the Rochester Red Cross, and as a principal in the founding of WXXI, among many other arenas.

Msgr. Burns has been pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle since 1954, a tenure lasting for more than half the age of the parish itself. The Rochester native studied at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries and took four years of theology at the North American College in Rome, where he was ordained in 1937 on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church. In 1942, he was named professor of history at St. Andrew's Seminary, and, three years later, to the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary.

In 1946 he was recalled to Rome for duties with the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

The following year, when the new North American College was opened, he was named vice rector, a post he held for seven years. In 1948, he was named a papal chamberlain; and, in 1953 that designation was upgraded to domestic prelate by Pope Pius XII.

He assumed the pastorate of St. Thomas the following year.

In addition, he has served as pro-synodal judge in the diocesan Tribunal, and as vicar for religious. While he has been at the helm of St. Thomas, the parish has raised a convent and a new church.

Father Carron has been pastor of St. Mary's since 1965. He was born in Rochester in 1912, and attended Corpus Christi School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's. He was ordained in 1937.

Father Carron's first assignment was as

assistant pastor of St. Mary's in Auburn. Less than six months later, he took the assistant pastorate of Holy Redeemer Church in Rochester, a post he held for nine years.

In 1946 he was named spiritual director of St. Andrew's Seminary. Five years later, Father Carron was appointed assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; and four years after that, he was named assistant pastor of St. John's, Spencerport.

He was given the pastorate of St. Gregory, Marion, in 1958, and the pastorate of St. Michael's, Livonia Center/St. Mary's, Honeoye Falls, in 1961.

Father Maloney, a native of Elmira, has given more than half his priestly life to the people of Ithaca. He has been stationed first at Immaculate Conception and later at St. Catherine's for a total of 28 years.

He attended grammar and high school in Elmira and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. Father Maloney was ordained in 1936. His first assignment was as assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Rochester.

He enlisted as a chaplain in the United States Army in 1942 and later volunteered as a paratroop chaplain. He landed with the troops on D-Day in France, carrying Mass wine in his canteen and a supply of hosts in his pyx. For his heroism he has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Presidential Citation with the Oakleaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart, as well as citations from the governments of Belgium and the Netherlands. He is a member of the Legion of Valor and, in 1970, was elected its national chaplain. He is retired with the rank of major.

On his discharge he was assigned to St. Patrick's in Elmira and later as spiritual director of St. Bernard's Seminary.

In 1948 he was named assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception in Ithaca, a post he held for six years, when he was assigned to St. Margaret Mary in Rochester. In 1955 he was named to Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira, and, in 1959 to St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario.

He returned to Immaculate Conception in 1960, first as administrator and later as pastor. In 1975, he was named pastor of St. Catherine's.

Father McVeigh was born in Ireland and attended Sacred Heart Academy in Lurgan there. In Rochester, he attended Holy Apostles and Holy Rosary schools, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained in 1939.

He was first assigned as assistant pastor of Corpus Christi Church, where he remained until 1958 when he was named pastor of Holy Angels, Nunda/Holy Name, Groveland.

In 1964, Father McVeigh was made pastor of Epiphany, Sodus/St. Rose of Lima Chapel, Sodus Point.

Four years later, he was given the pastorate of St. Michael's, Penn Yan/St. Patrick, Dundee.

A native Rochesterian, Father O'Malley was born in 1911 and attended Corpus Christi School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained in 1936.

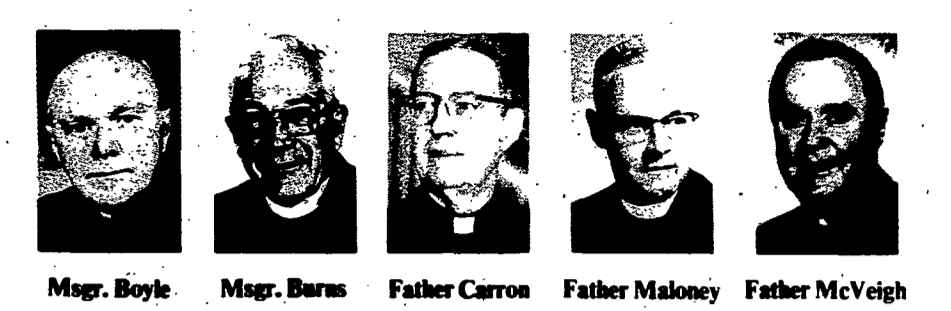
His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Ann's in Hornell. In 1943 he was named assistant pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Auburn; and 1944-1946 he served as chaplain in the United States Army. He was given his terminal leave with the rank of captain.

He was appointed to assistant pastor of Holy Apostles Church in 1946 and to Holy Cross in 1947.

The latter was to be an 11-year term. In 1958 Father O'Malley was named pastor of St. Mary's in Bath, and during his pastorate built a new school, auditorium, convent and a school addition.

In 1977 he returned to Holy Cross, this time as pastor.

The founding pastor of St. Thomas More



Church, Father Pegnam is leaving a post he has held for the past 29 years.

He was born in Rochester in 1912 and attended Sacred Heart School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained in 1937.

He served the first five years of his priesthood as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Elmira. In 1942 he enlisted as a chaplain in the United States Navy, which duties he fulfilled until 1946. He holds American Defense and Pacific Theater ribbons and nine battle stars.

On his return from the Navy, Father Pegnam served a temporary stretch at Holy Apostles Church before being assigned the assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, which position he held until 1953, when he was directed to shepherd St. Thomas More Parish.

In addition, Father Pegnam has served on the Priests Council, as a diocesan consultor, and as a member of the board of directors of Becket Hall and the Courier-Journal.

Msgr. Sullivan is a Rochester native. He attended St. Monica's School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries and was ordained in 1938.

His first assignment was to St. Michael's in Penn Yan as assistant pastor. In 1940 he was named assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral. Three years later he joined the United States Army Air Force as chaplain and served in the China-Burma-India theater. He was in the service until 1947.

In that year he took the post of Vatican correspondent in Rome for the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service. He returned to the diocese in 1955, and was made the pastor of Holy Cross, Ovid, a post he held for three years.

In 1958, he assumed the pastorate of St. Michael's in Penn Yan; and a decade later he was named to his present post as pastor of Holy Family in Auburn.

Father Vogt is also a native Rochesterian, and attended Holy Redeemer School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He has also done graduate work at Niagara University and at Harvard University. He was ordained in 1938.

His first assignment was to a four-year assistant pastorate at St. Anthony's in Elmira, followed by a brief time at Holy Family in Rochester when he was commissioned a chaplain in the United States Army Reserves and served in Germany.

In 1946, he was named assistant pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Rochester; and in 1949, he was named assistant pastor of St. Salome's.

In 1953, Father Vogt was given the pastorate of St. Bridget's Church in Rochester, and he held that post for 24 years. During that time the parish underwent profound changes in terms of its economic health and its ethnic character. And also during that period, in 1968, occurred the curious incident in which Bishop Fulton-Sheen offered to give the Church and

its properties to the U.S. government, provided the latter construct housing for the poor on the site. Though the bishop claimed to act in the name of the diocese, himself and his priests and people, he in fact had never notified the pastor or the people of St. Bridget's itself. The offer was eventually withdrawn in the wake of extensive public controversy.

Father Vogt has been pastor of St. Anne's since 1977.

Father Wahl, a Rochester native, attended St. Boniface School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and was ordained in 1937.

His first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Alphonsus in Auburn. He served assistant pastorates at Holy Family, Rochester; Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral; and Holy Redeemer, Rochester, before again being assigned to St. Alphonsus, in March 1956.

In October of that year, he was directed to establish the new parish of Sacred Heart in Auburn.

His pastorate there has extended to this day. As pastor, he supervised the construction of the church, school, rectory and convent.

In 1967, he was named a regional vicar for the area of Cayuga, Wayne, Ontario, Yates and Seneca counties. In 1974, he was named to a term on the diocesan personnel board.

Father Whalen is also a native of Rochester. He attended Blessed Sacrament School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and was ordained in 1939.

He first served as assistant pastor at St. Jerome's in East Rochester, where he served until 1943 when he was commissioned a lieutenant in the United States Navy.

He served in the navy until 1946 when he returned to an assignment as assistant pastor of Holy Rosary Church.

While at Holy Rosary, he organized the first unit of the Catholic War Veterans and was named chaplain.

He subsequently was curate at St. Mary's in Elmira, and at St. Lucy's in Rochester, where he also acted as administrator. In 1954, he was named assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Greece, and remained there for four years.

Following the sudden death of Father John O'Brien, the founding pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church, Father Whalen was named pastor of that parish. He remained there until 1974, when he was assigned pastor of St. Patrick's in Mt. Morris.

In the navy, Father Whalen served at stations in Trinidad, Maine, California, Hawaii, with the Sea Bees and in the Philippines and China. He was assigned to the Navy Air Command and Served in the Marianna Islands, Guam and Saipan.

While a chaplain of the 30th Construction Battalion, he organized a Holy Name Society at Tientsin in the Shantung province of North China.