

# Fr. Erb 50 Years a Priest

Father Charles G. Erb, the Divine Word Missioner who has worked for more than 35 years in Ghana, will celebrate 50 years in the priesthood 2 p.m., Aug. 21 at Holy Family Church.

Father Erb was ordained in 1933 by Cardinal Theodore Innitzer of Austria, and served with the U.S. Army's 42nd Rainbow Division as chaplain during World War II.

He was first assigned to Ghana in 1947. There he founded parishes and schools, and was responsible for the public relations and communications of the nation's bishops. In semi-retirement since 1979, he has been Catholic chaplain of a government hospital in Accra.

When on furlough in the United States, Father Erb was the exhibition manager of "Scenerama," the extraordinary mission exhibit which opened Rochester's War Memorial in 1955, and "Vistarama" a similar exhibit mounted in Philadelphia's Convention Hall in 1956. He also produced a number of films and television shows on mission activity.

Father Erb attended Holy Family School in Rochester. He took his theological education at St. Gabriel's Seminary in Moedling, Austria, and has done postgraduate work at Harvard University and at the University of London.

The priest is the uncle of Franciscan Father Charles Adams of Rochester, Father Francis Erb of Addison, Sister Gerard Erb, RSM, of Rochester, Father Raymond Quetchenbach of the Divine Word headquarters in Rome, Italy; Sister Helen Marie Yockel, SSPS, of Techny, Ill.; and Deacon John Erb, recently ordained permanent deacon and member of the Rochester City Council.



FATHER ERB



Christ the King, Rochester

## Our Pilgrimage Churches Holy Year 1983-1984

By Father Robert F. McNamara

In a Holy Year that commemorates the 1950th anniversary of our redemption it is appropriate to have as one of our diocesan pilgrimage churches the Church of Christ the King.

This parish, at 445 Kings Highway South in the Town of Irondequoit, has lately celebrated the silver jubilee of its dedication.

Bishop James E. Kearney established the parish in 1955. The founding pastor was a former diocesan superintendent of schools, Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney. Having accepted Christ the King as "patron" of the parish, Msgr. Mahoney was also largely responsible, it seems, for bringing about a change of the name of the street on which the church structure would rise. Up to then, the road had been called Goodman Street, as far north as Titus Avenue. In 1956, the town gave the section that ran from Ridge Road to Titus the official name of King's Highway South. Thus Christ the King is on King's Highway.

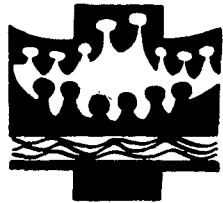
In the late 1950s, Irondequoit was expanding as a residential area. Growth was slower around King's Highway, however, so the parishioners decided not

to start with a church. Instead, they would build a hall that could later be made a gymnasium and flank it with one-story wings to serve as a parochial school. The special church building would come later. Bishop Kearney dedicated this structure on the feast of Christ the King, Oct. 27, 1957.

The parish did grow, but the special church was deferred. Then in 1976, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan put Basilian Fathers in charge. In 1977, the first Basilian pastor, Father Thomas Mailloux, asked the people: "Shall we build a church or turn the hall into a permanent church?" They replied, "Don't build -- remodel." An able architect and able craftsmen did a fine job. The "new" church was rededicated in 1979.

A suggestion to groups of pilgrims: Why not arrange to park at Kearney High School and march down, headed by a crossbearer, to Christ the King Church? It is just "next door," but the walk is long enough to give the feeling of doing something a little special for Christ the King, who died to save us 1950 years ago.

### Insights In Liturgy



By Father Thomas Mull

### Begin Planning

Hi folks! It is hard to believe that the summer months are passing so quickly and that the fall and winter seasons will be arriving soon. To help in parish planning, the Liturgy Office has arranged all of its fall and winter programs for the diocese.

Listed below are the titles and a small description; a more elaborate listing of offerings will be mailed to parishes in September. Clip out this article and take it to your next Liturgy meeting or parish council meeting and allow us to be a part of your planning and enrichment.

September will offer SIGHTS & SOUNDS: Advent-Christmas-Epiphany. These workshops were very popular last year, so this year we have enlarged the format. We will offer the workshop in Elmira and an identical one in Rochester. An all-over survey of the season of Advent-Christmas-Epiphany will be presented. Then practical suggestions for music, and environment and art will be given. Ample time for sharing will be provided. This is a terrific opportunity to launch your seasonal planning!

October is a busy month! CHILD CHURCH program for children's liturgies will be offered in Ithaca and Rochester. This program originated in the Diocese of Buffalo; a team from there will be with us to give pointers on priorities in planning and executing children's prayerful liturgies.

Again we will be offering INTRODUCTORY LECTOR TRAINING and INTRODUCTORY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING sessions. These sessions are important in the basic training of your liturgical ministers; in addition, this year these introductory sessions are prerequisites for Leadership Training sessions that will be offered in the spring.

Our Leadership Training Programs represent an innovative way to more closely integrate cooperation and training between the office and the parishes. (Further details regarding this exciting, new concept will be announced soon.)

A new offering this year for musicians is the READING SESSIONS FOR MUSICIANS. These will be offered in Rochester, Auburn and Horseheads. Hopefully, these sessions will respond to an often-asked question: what is good new liturgical music?

November will be an active follow-up to October. We begin by offering a workshop on CHILDREN'S CHOIR. This is another new offering and provides insight as to the formation of a children's choir and many suggestions for music which can be implemented.

Liturgy committees will want to send a representative or two to the PARISH LITURGY TEAM BUDGET PLANNING workshops. These sessions, offered in three diocesan locations, will provide new ideas for an old problem.

For those Lectors who are seeking further enrichment, a LECTOR ENRICHMENT workshop focusing on prayer with scripture is being offered in Rochester and Elmira.

Musicians (organists and guitarists) will want to take advantage of the ORGANISTS/GUITARISTS TECHNIQUE ENRICHMENT program. This will be a series of sessions on technique, style and arrangement in a group setting (numbers are limited!) with the opportunity to arrange an individual follow-up session in the home parish.

That's enough for now! One secret I'll share with you now is a tremendous opportunity for liturgists and RCIA teams being offered June 1 and 2, 1984. Father Regis Duffy, from Washington, D.C., will offer a two-day experience of prayer, reflection and work on the RCIA. June is a busy month, but if you'll mark your calendars now, you can be ready.

The motivating spirit in the Liturgy Office is to provide opportunities to help and enrich those who are working hard in gathering communities to celebrate. We appreciate your past support, look forward to serving you, and always welcome your suggestions. Fall and winter, here we come!

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