

Our Pilgrimage Churches Holy Year 1983-84

By Father Robert F. McNamara

Pilgrims to Assumption Church will be visiting the newest church building in the Diocese of Rochester. It was dedicated on March 12, 1983.

As you enter the church you find yourself in a large foyer, designed to invite people to gather together. The two stained windows there, flanking the cross, represent the birth of Christ and the resurrection of Christ, thus forming a triptych of the rosary: the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries. Appropriate for a church whose patroness is Our Lady!

Passing into the body of the church,

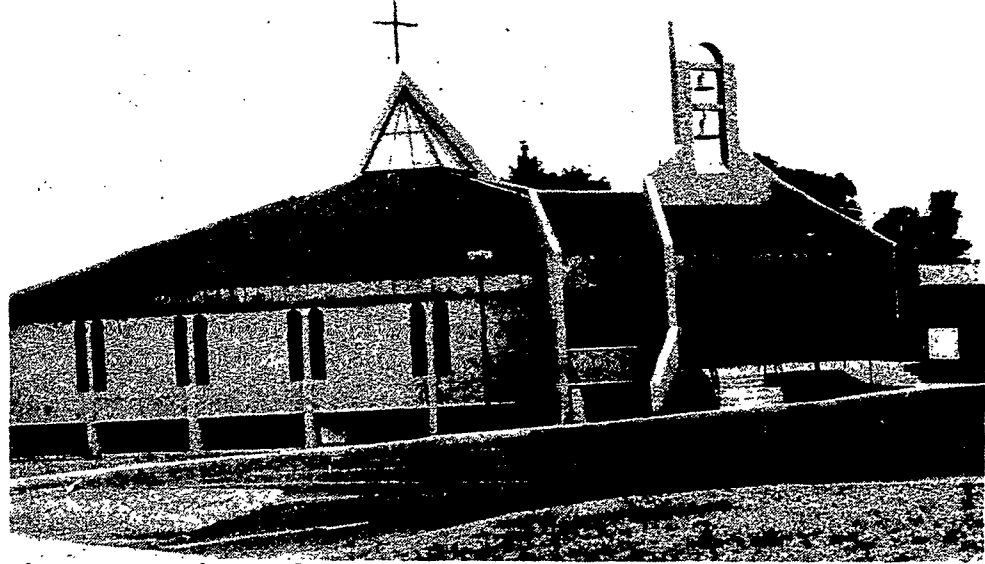


you come face to face with the stone baptismal font. Its water in constantly recirculating, like the "living water" that Christ spoke of in the gospel. The font is on a line with the marble main altar, which originally stood in the chapel of St. Bernard's Seminary between 1940 and 1981. Other marble from the St. Bernard's altar is incorporated into the lectern, to tie in visually the word of God with the Eucharistic sacrifice.

The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a chapel of its own, off which are the "reconciliation rooms" for confessions. To the left of the sanctuary, as yet incomplete, is the columbarium — a small mausoleum for the ashes of those whose bodies have been cremated. A parish hall and meeting rooms are on the ground floor of the new church.

After the church was dedicated, the former brick church was torn down. This earlier church dated from 1882, when it was built by Father John L. Codyre, pastor of Assumption from 1878 to 1925. Father William Casey of Palmyra built the first Fairport church as a mission church in 1856.

The first resident pastor (1866-1870)



Assumption Church, Fairport

had a unique history. While a Lutheran minister in Pennsylvania, Louis I. Miller had a dream which instructed him to become a Catholic and a priest. When he told his Lutheran congregation, they concurred, and kindly took up a collection to help make his dream come true.

The Church of the Assumption is at 20 East Avenue in Fairport, north of Main Street and across the tracks. It offers easy access to the disabled and provides a "loop" for the deaf.

Call the rectory for pilgrimage arrangements: 716/223-7540.

Peace Rally

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capability," the office asserted.

Ms. Caroscio said that the U.S. bishops uphold "nuclear deterrence as a strategy with specific conditions. Two of these conditions are: 1) Nuclear deterrence must be used as a step toward progressive disarmament and 2) the goal of nuclear deterrence is 'sufficiency'; the goal for 'superiority' must be rejected.

"The bishops, however, opposed specific proposals in the United States' present

deterrence posture: namely, the deployment of weapons with 'first strike' capability. (The Pershing II has been placed in this category by several experts in strategic theory.)"

The Oct. 22 event also has secondary objectives, among them a freeze and reversal of the arms race by the superpowers; more emphasis and dollar support by the United States for funding human needs; an evaluation of the conversion of Seneca Army Depot to non-military use, and termination of current military interventions around the world.

More than 75 organizations, including Catholic Peace Fellowship, the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the American Friends Service Committee, have participated in the formation of the Oct. 22 coalition.

The office's statement said:

"The Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry agrees with and takes seriously the words of the Holy Father, John Paul II, who states 'we need a moral about face.' The United States bishops state, 'The whole world must summon the moral courage and

technical means to say no to nuclear conflict... no to an arms race which robs the poor and vulnerable and no to the moral danger of a nuclear age which places before humankind indefensible choices of constant terror or surrender."

"The Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, as a Roman Catholic agency in the United States, treasures the constitutionally protected freedom for individuals to assemble and join their voices with others to make conscious moral and political decisions to save humanity. Actions such as these, we believe, are patriotic acts."

Persons interested in becoming involved in or participating in the Oct. 22 events are asked to contact: Giovina Caroscio, Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, 21 High St., Geneva, N.Y. 14456.

Mother's Faith

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1976. He met his wife on a bus in October 1977, and "It was love at first sight," his sister said. He and Robin were wed in March, 1978.

A memorial service is scheduled at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 10 at Good Shepherd. Funeral rites took place earlier and he was buried in a small town outside Allentown, Pa., where his wife was brought up, and where her family still lives.

Refugees

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perilous voyage to Hong Kong are immediately imprisoned.)

"A fearful Thailand mercilessly uses battered, maimed and war-weary Cambodian refugees as human buffers to buttress the heavily mined and embattled Thai-Cambodian border against the rising tide of Vietnamese invaders.

"Despite President Reagan's and the State Department's view that Cambodians, in particular, are political refugees fearing for their very lives, and thus qualified for United States resettlement, Immigration and Naturalization Service officers of the U.S. Justice Department in the field continue to be extremely and unforgivably insensitive to the refugee plight, continuing to subjectively and arbitrarily brand nearly all Cambodian refugees as 'economic refugees,' thus unqualified for admission into the United States."

Delaney commented, "The litany of horrors, political-military expediencies, and blatant injustices goes on and on with barely a raised or furrowed brow.

"Despite the fact that to many the novelty of refugee resettlement has long faded, in the face of such horror and genuine suffering, it is sincerely hoped that the bishop's May 1983 appeal will not go unheeded."

Delaney pleaded for anyone willing to make the commitment to refugee sponsorship to contact him (716) 546-7220.

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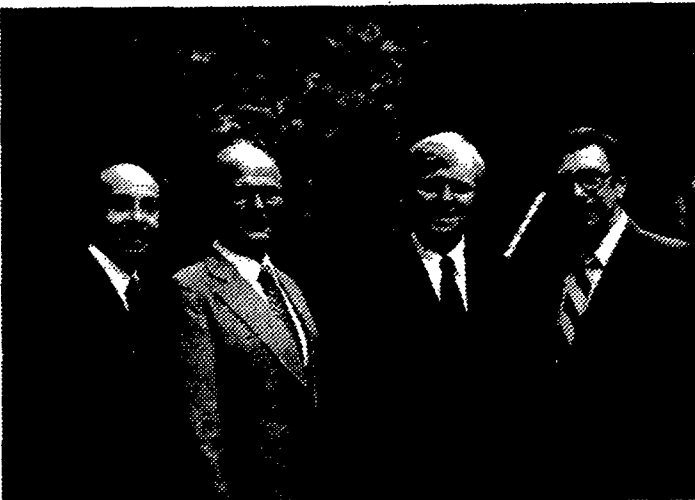
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