

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark appoints:
Father Robert Downs, from associate at St. Mary of the Lake in Watkins Glen, to administrator of St. Michael in Montezuma and St. John in Port Byron.
Priest interns, newly ordained
Father Frank DiSano to St. Pius Tenth in Chili.
Father Richard Farrell to St. Charles Borromeo in Rochester.
Father Scott Kubinski to St. Boniface in Rochester.
Father Robert Bourcy to Immaculate Conception in Ithaca.
Deacon interns
Rev. Mr. Alexander Bradshaw to Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport.
Rev. Mr. Stanley Kacprzak to St. Margaret Mary in Rochester.
Rev. Mr. Patrick Sullivan to St. Andrew in Rochester.
Associates
Father Paul Tomasso, from internship at St. Steven in Geneva, to associate at St. John of Rochester in Fairport.
Father George Heyman, from internship at St. Pius Tenth in Rochester, to associate at Blessed Sacrament in Rochester.
Father Matthew Kawiak, from associate at St. James in Rochester, to associate at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rochester.
Father George Gauthier, from St. Joseph in Cayuga, to St. Philip Neri in Rochester.
Father Patrick Seelman, TOR, from associate at St. Vincent DePaul in Corning, to associate at St. Stephen in Geneva.
New pastors
Father Gerard Hafner, from associate at St. Boniface in Rochester, to pastor of St. Benedict in Odessa and St. Pius X in Van Etten.
Father Ronald Harley, from associate at St. Mary of the Lake in Ontario, to pastor of St. Pius V in Cohocton and Sacred Heart of Jesus in Perkinsville.

Fresh Air Fund Seeks Area Homes

Homes are being sought in the diocese for children enrolled in The Fresh Air Fund.

The objective of the program is to place a child from New York City in a different environment for a two week period during the summer.

A flier circulating in the area states:

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"Let's let these children know there can be more to life than project living. you have your choice of arrival dates for your guest, either July 10 or July 26 for the greater Rochester area, or July 3 or 19 for the Greece and Spencerport districts."

Persons interested in the program are asked to contact Sarah Capriotti, (716) 586-7155; or Carol Schmalzbauer (716) 334-9382.

Bishop Appointed For Lithuanians

Washington (NC) -- Pope John Paul II has named U.S. Franciscan Father Paul Baltakis as the first bishop in charge of spiritual assistance to all Lithuanian Catholics outside Lithuania.

The 59-year-old Lithuanian-born priest has been head of U.S. Lithuanian Franciscan vicariate since 1979. The vicariate, which has 32 priests and 13 brothers, has headquarters at St. Anthony Friary in Kennebunkport, Maine.

Bishop-designate Baltakis will take over the work that until now was done by two bishops. They are Bishop Vincent Brizgys, 80, who lives in Chicago and since 1951 has been charged with assistance to Lithuanian Catholics outside Europe, and Bishop Antanis Deksnys, 78, who lives in West Germany and has been in charge of Lithuanian Catholics in Western Europe.

The Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid Center in New York estimates that there are 2 million people of Lithuanian descent living outside Lithuania, about half of them in the United States. There are 100 Lithuanian national parishes in the United States, it said.

Bishop Brizgys said in an interview that at least 90 percent of expatriate Lithuanians are Catholics, and small minorities are Protestant, Orthodox or Jewish. He said that because of his age he had been consulting "for some time" with the Holy See over a replacement.

Outside the United States, he said, the largest numbers of Lithuanians abroad are in Canada, followed by several Latin American countries and Australia.

He described Bishop-designate Baltakis as an excellent choice who is "very well liked" and "very well known to all Lithuanians."

Paul Baltakis was born Jan. 1, 1925, in Latavenai, Lithuania. He had just applied for seminary studies in 1944 when the Nazis took him into Germany and then Finland for forced labor.

After the war he went to Belgium and was ordained a priest on Aug. 24, 1952, in St. Truiden, Belgium, after studies in seminaries of the Belgian Franciscan Province of St. Joseph.

Shortly after he was ordained he moved to Canada, where he worked for 15 years. In 1959 he came to the United States, working in New York as director of the Lithuanian Cultural Center and spiritual assistant for the Lithuanian youth in the New York area. He was also national spiritual director of the Lithuanian Scouts Organization.

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Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, founded in 1871, will participate in Rediscover the River Day, Sunday, June 17, as its contribution to the City of Rochester Sesquicentennial Celebration. Historical All Souls Chapel, designed by A. J. Warner and built in 1876, will be open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Rochester Brass Con-

cert will present a program of light classical and popular music on the green in front of the chapel at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. It is suggested that those attending bring lawn chairs.

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