

Bishop Appoints New Regional Coordinators

By Terrance J. Brennan

Bishop Matthew H. Clark announced recently the appointments of Fathers John Zimmerman, William Gordinier, Elmer Schmidt, David Simon and Thomas Nellis as regional coordinators.

They will be formally installed at the Diocesan Pastoral Council convocation at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14 at Keuka College.

Father Zimmerman replaces Father Joseph Jankowiak as coordinator of the North Region; Father Gordinier assumes the duties of Father Jerome Schifferli in the Livingston Region; Father Schmidt replaces Father Eugene Sweeney in the Steuben Region; Father Nellis takes over for Father William Michatek in the Yates-Ontario-Wayne Region; and Father Simon replaces Father Albert Cason as co-coordinator of the Tompkins-Tioga Region, who steps down after five two-year terms at that post.

"Regionalism," according to diocesan guidelines, "is the concerted effort of parishes and institutions of areas of the diocese, designated by the bishop, to relate, coordinate, complement and enhance their various responsibilities, aspirations and endeavors in building up the body of Christ."

"The role of the regional coordinator is one of real pastoral care," the guidelines continue. "He is seen as one primarily responsible for promoting, moderating and coordinating pastoral activity in a region," and is responsible for providing "the parish Church with a sense of belonging to the diocesan Church by bringing parishes and institutions into closer contact with the bishop."

Among his duties, the regional coordinator will maintain channels of communication with pastors, parish staffs and parish councils of the region; in October, call an assembly of regional parishes and the full parish council membership to share goals, needs and accomplishments.

He is also responsible for calling an assembly of regional parishes in April to elect representatives to the Diocesan Pastoral Council; and for facilitating the clustering of parishes and institutions -- as well as administering regional finances.

The regional coordinator also must represent the bishop within the region upon his request.

Bishop Clark also expressed his gratitude for the service of those who are currently serving as regional coordinators: Father Robert Bradler of the Northeast Region, pastor of St. James Church and diocesan director of the missions; Father Robert Miller of the Northwest Region, pastor of Sacred Heart Cathedral; Father Otto Vogt of the Southeast Region, pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Church, Honeoye Falls; and Father William Barrett of the Southwest Region, pastor of St. Monica's Church.

Also, Father James Boyle of the Chemung-Schuyler Region, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Elmira; Father Edward Zimmer of the Seneca-Cayuga Region, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn; and Father Thomas Cleary, co-coordinator of the Tompkins-Tioga Region, and pastor of Holy Cross Church, Dryden/Freeville.

Father John Zimmerman, associate pastor of St. Margaret Mary, was ordained in 1972. His assignments have included St. Thomas More, Rochester, from 1972-75; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, 1975-78; and St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, 1978-82.

Father Gordinier, pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Geneseo, was ordained in 1958 and first assigned to St. Margaret Mary, Rochester. Other assignments include: Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1965; St. Mary's in Waterloo, 1968; Guardian Angels, Henrietta, 1970; St. Joseph's, Penfield, 1972; St. Patrick in Cato and St. Thomas in Red Creek, 1976.



Fr. John Zimmerman
North



Fr. Robert Bradler
Northeast



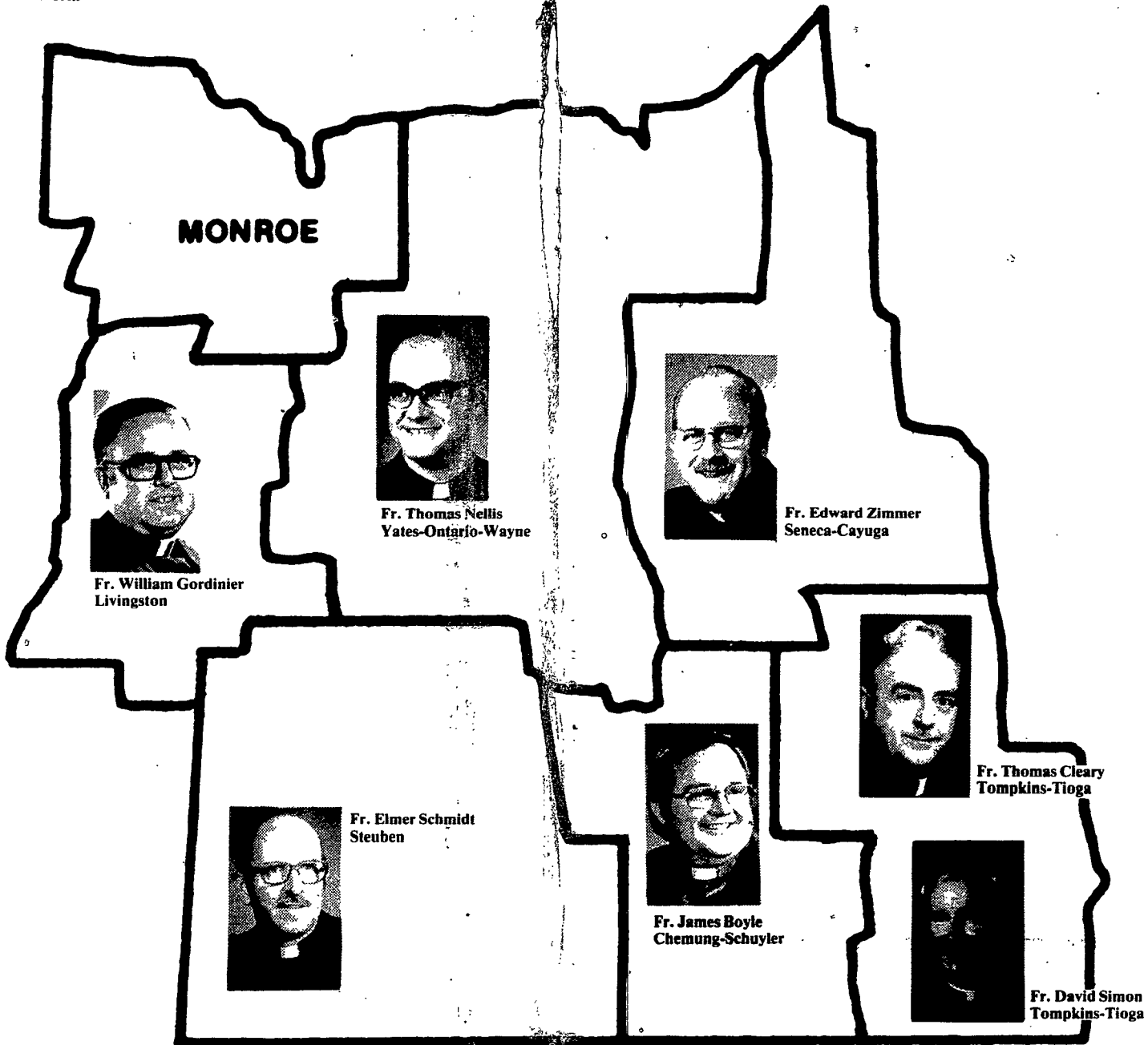
Fr. Robert Miller
Northwest



Fr. Otto Vogt
Southeast



Fr. William Barrett
Southwest



Father Schmidt, pastor of St. Ann's in Hornell since June 1983, was ordained in 1956. His assignments include Holy Family, Rochester; St. Ann's, Rochester in 1959; Assumption, Fairport in 1964; St. Vincent's in Corning in 1967; and St. Margaret Mary's, Apalachin, where he served for 10 years.

Father Simon, pastor of St. Margaret Mary's, Apalachin, was ordained in 1967 and first assigned to St. Patrick's, Victor. Other assignments include: chaplain at

DeSales High School, Geneva, 1971; St. Augustine's, Rochester, 1975; St. Mary's, Dansville, Jan.-Mar. 1978; Holy Cross, Ovid, April-June 1978; Holy Name, Rochester, June 1978.

Father Nellis, pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Clyde, was ordained in 1966. His assignments include Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira, Summer of 1966; St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, Fall of 1966; Holy Ghost, Rochester, 1972; St. Alphonsus, Auburn, 1976.



New Principals Named

The diocesan education office announced last week the appointment of seven new elementary school principals for the 1984-85 year. They are, from left, Sister Kathleen Lurz, SSJ, St. Thomas More; Mrs. Gaynelle Wethers, St. Monica; Sister Dolores Ann Stein, RSM, St. Ann, Hornell; Sister Mary Maywalt, SSJ, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira; Sister Blanche Leising, SSND, St. Boniface; Sister Theresa Ruddy, RSM, St. James; and Sister Catherine Gibbons, SSJ, St. Michael, Penn Yan.

CDA Seeking New Members

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, has invited Rochester area women to consider joining their organization, which meets at 7:30 p.m., every third Tuesday of the month at the St. Philip Neri school hall.

The October meeting will be open to prospective new members. Reception of new members will take place at the November meeting.

The CDA motto is Unity and Charity. Further information is available from Jane Crews, 482-8020; Barbara Zaso, 334-8968, and Mary Alice Aikin, 334-6636.

Rosary Planned

A public rosary in honor of Our Blessed Mother's birthday will be recited 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Wooded Area Shrine, 237 Rye Road, Rye Road runs off Latona between Ridgeway and Ridge. Participants are asked to "please bring a lawn chair, if convenient." The public is invited to the event sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Shea.

Holy Ghost Starts 'Adopt' a Student

In an effort to alleviate the increasing cost of a Catholic education on the parish community, Holy Ghost has started an "Adopt" a Student Program.

Money realized from the annual fund-raiser will be used to benefit all of the children who attend Holy Ghost School and help maintain the standard of excellence at the facility.

Many months of preliminary work on the program has already been completed by Father Gennaro Ventura, pastor; Marge Marsh, principal; Larry Mitchell, president of the school board; and members of the board.

The program is also seen as a means of communicating to all members of the community the quality of the academic and religious education offered in the parish school.

According to Mrs. Joyce Piarulli, program spokesperson, "This annual communication and fund-raising program is the carrying out of our commitment as Catholic Christians to personally support one another."

Father Ventura will formally present the program to the parish Sept. 8 and 9. During the first week of September, information packets on the program will be sent to all parishioners and as many alumni of the school as is it possible to contact.

Further information regarding the program is available either from the rectory, 247-3535, or the school, 247-4156. Contributions are tax-deductible.

"We feel that giving children the opportunity to have a good start in life is a good investment and something that we can all do to help build a better world. The 'Adopt' a Student Program is an excellent way of achieving this goal," Mrs. Piarulli said.

Focus on Eucharist

Focus on the Eucharist will begin 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 6 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Evening prayer and rosary precede the Mass celebrated by Father Paul Wohlrab, pastor. A meditation time closes with Benediction.