

Eleven Jubilarians Reflect On Years of Church Service

In his homily to the 11 golden and silver jubilarians gathered at a special anniversary Mass, Wednesday, May 22, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan termed the event a "summary day ... an occasion to pause, to remember with joy and to be grateful."

The Mass, attended by many diocesan priests and some family members, was to commemorate the years of service given by the ordination classes of 1935 and 1960. Golden jubilarians are: Monsignor James D. Cuffney, and Fathers Paul J. Cuddy, William Gaynor, Raymond Heisel and Harold Rogers. Silver jubilarians are Fathers Bernard Carges, William Flynn, Ralph Fraats, William Graf, John Lynch and Eugene Sweeney.

The jubilee Mass at Church of the Annunciation, Rochester, was celebrated by Bishop Hogan, Bishop Dennis W. Hickey and numerous guest concelebrants. With carefully selected readings and music, it focused on the ideals of church unity and the role of priests as shepherds of the flock.

Continuing in his homily, Bishop Hogan charged the jubilarians to renew their dedication to the vocation to which they have been called, and reviewed the main parts of the liturgy of ordination: public ministry for the sake of others, sharing the Word of God, representing the faith in their lives, etc. "The Good Shepherd came to serve, not to be served," the bishop noted.



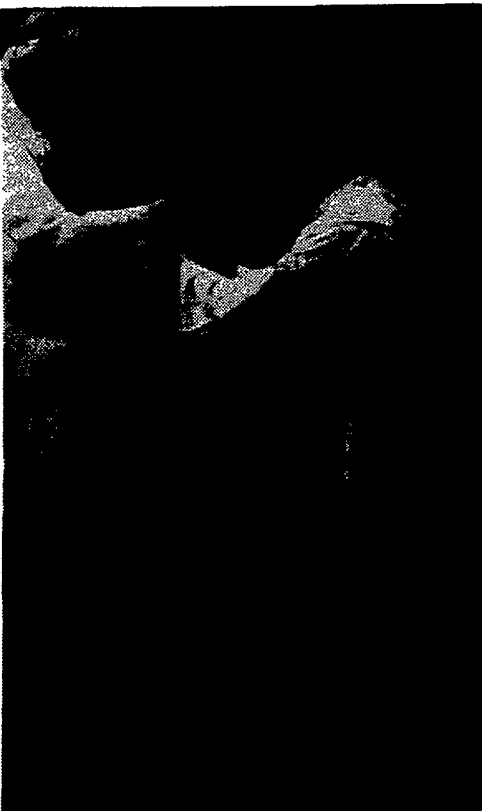
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Bishop Joseph L. Hogan extends his greetings to golden jubilarian Monsignor James D. Cuffney during the Mass.



Guest concelebrants extend their hands during the Eucharistic prayer.



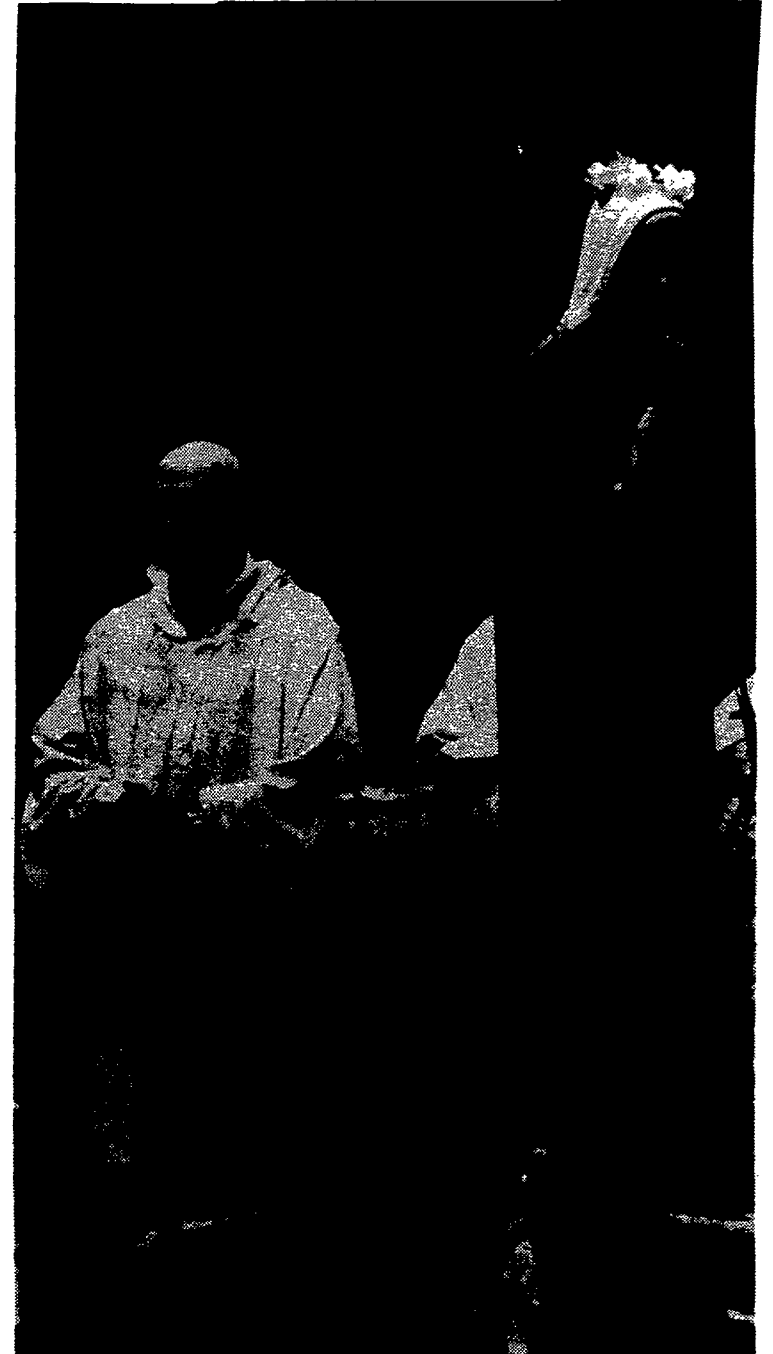
From left to right, Fathers Ward, Fraats, Flynn, Carges, and Sweeney wait to receive the Eucharist.



Father Paul J. Cuddy bears the offertory gifts to Bishop Hogan.



Father Robert Schrader offers the chalice to Father Kevin McKenna.



Silver jubilarian Father William Graf reflects a moment during the homily said by Bishop Hogan.