

Ithaca Priest Takes Navy Post



Father Lewis Brown, right, receives his Navy commission from Marine Corps Major Michael Mahoney, left.

Father Lewis Brown, former associate pastor at Ithaca's Immaculate Conception Church, was commissioned a Navy chaplain with the rank of lieutenant by Marine Corps Major Michael Mahoney, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 30. A reception followed in the church hall.

Father Brown's first assignment, which runs through August 20, is at Newport, R.I. On Sept. 14, he will go to Camp Foster in Okinawa, Japan. "They supposedly ask you where you want to go and I said: 'Send me where you need me or on the East Coast.' Maybe they thought I meant the east coast of Japan!" Father Brown said.

Father Brown's tour of duty is three years.

After that, Bishop Matthew H. Clark can extend the tour or bring him back to the diocese. Still, Father Brown doesn't expect his commission to lead to a new career. "For us, the priesthood is a vocation," Father Brown said. "We continue to exercise the role of priest, as we have from the beginning. There will be more of the same, maybe with more facility."

"I will miss a few things, however, and most of all the people of Ithaca," he continued, "people with roots, because a priest becomes a person of the community stepping into community turf belonging to all people and not just the parish community."

Education Board Elections

The diocesan Board of Education met on Saturday, June 15, to elect new chairs, review policies and establish goals for the 1985/86 academic year. Peter Spinelli was re-elected chairman. Vice-chair is Joan Countryman and corresponding secretary is Sister Francella Quinn. Edgar Prindle and Lola DeJohn were chosen as members of the executive committee.

Effective July 1, the board accepted a policy, previously reviewed by the Federation of Principals, regarding admission and transfer of students. Other actions included

approving a plan by the funding committee to develop and promote a Tuition Assistance program at the parish level. A group of pastors and principals will review the program during the summer and present it to the Priests' Council in the fall.

Stronger communication with parishes and parish committees was one of the goals established for the coming year, primarily through the public relations committee. The board also endorsed the continuing work of its standing committees — personnel, funding and programs/curriculum.

Obituaries

Constance Lawlor's Life Celebrated

Constance Lawlor, who died on Sunday, June 30, 1985, was described as "a woman who was true to her name, constant in her deep faith, in her devotion to her family, and in her simplicity of life" by Father James



Lawlor, her son, who celebrated her Mass of Resurrection on Wednesday, July 3, at St. Mary's Church, where he is pastor. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan was co-celebrant of the Mass in which 200 friends, parishioners and members of the clergy participated.

A native of Rochester, Mrs. Lawlor was the daughter of Anna and George Hogan and a member of the first graduating class of Nazareth College. As a social worker for Monroe County, she worked for an "old age assistance" program after the Depression, marrying Frank J. Lawlor in 1936. In 1942

they moved to Geneva, where she served as head of the county welfare office and her husband opened a branch of Weis and Fisher Furniture Company. He died suddenly in 1950.

Returning to Rochester in 1960, Mrs. Lawlor became a residence case worker for Monroe County. Her daughter, Patricia Lawlor Burke, described her mother's devotion to her children, recalling that she "never had much social life of her own until we were grown up." An avid bridge player, she enjoyed horseback riding and tennis when she could and kept informed on current events until her recent illness.

In addition to her son and daughter, Mrs. Lawlor is survived by: three grandsons, Dennis, Brian and Kevin Burke; a son-in-law, Donald Burke and her sister, Anita Gleason. Her brother, Father G. Stuart Hogan, died June 1.

On Mrs. Lawlor's memorial card are printed words which epitomize her life: "Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength."

Sister Hermine Kenny, SSJ, Longtime Teacher

A Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Hermine Kenny of the Sisters of St. Joseph was celebrated in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Thursday, July 10, at 4:30 p.m. Sister Hermine died July 8, 1985, at St. Joseph Convent Infirmary. She was 95 years old.

The principal celebrant of the Mass was Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, D.D., a one-time pupil and longtime friend of Sister Hermine. Bishop Hogan was assisted by Monsignor William Shannon, and Fathers James Boyle and Peter Bayer.

Sister Hermine was born in Rochester and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph from Holy Apostles Parish in 1916. She was an elementary schoolteacher at Sacred Heart, Rochester, from 1916 to 1918 and at St.

Rose, Lima, from 1919 to 1939. She was ill and out of school for three years and later worked in the altar bread department at the St. Joseph Motherhouse for a period of 22 years. Ill health caused her retirement in 1964, and in 1980 she retired to the infirmary.

Sister Hermine never lost her zest for life nor her love for the people of Lima. This was attested by the many who came to pay tribute to her at her 60th anniversary in religious life in 1976 and at her wake.

Sister Hermine is survived by nieces and nephews.

Burial was in the sisters' section of Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Thursday, July 10, at 9:30 a.m.

Tekakwitha Conference

Le Moyne College in Syracuse will host the Tekakwitha Conference for Native Americans and friends from Wednesday, August 7-Sunday, August 11. The conference will include youth, lay and social justice ministry, family life, chemical dependency, spirituality and understanding our roots. An inter-tribal

pow-wow is planned.

All Native American people are invited on this sacred journey of prayer, teaching and sharing traditional ways. For information, write the Tekakwitha Conference, Box 6759, Great Falls, Mont., 59406, or call (406)727-0147.

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