

# Eighteen priests honored for service to Diocese of Rochester

Bishop Frank Harrison of Syracuse, who is celebrating the 50th anniversary of his ordination this year, was on hand Wednesday, May 13, when the priests of the Diocese of Rochester gathered at St. Thomas More Church with Rochester's own bishops, Matthew H. Clark, Dennis W. Hickey and Joseph L. Hogan, to celebrate the annual Mass in honor of priests celebrating their 60th, 50th and 25th jubilees.

The Courier-Journal joins with all the people of the Diocese of Rochester in congratulating the members of the jubilarian classes of 1927, 1937 and 1962, and in thanking them for their many years of service.

The two priests celebrating 60th anniversaries are:

**Father C. Irwin Sullivan** was born on March 30, 1903, to Florence and Mary Mulvaney Sullivan. He was educated at Auburn's Holy Family School, Auburn High School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1927.



Until his retirement in June of 1973, he was chaplain at the Dominican Monastery in Elmira. Previously, he served as associate pastor at St. Joseph's, Weedsport; St. Mary, Elmira; St. Vincent dePaul, Corning; St. Mary, Horseheads; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; St. Mary, Rochester; St. Stephen, Geneva; and St. Alphonsus, Auburn. He served briefly as pastor of St. Theresa in Stanley.

**Father George C. Vogt** was born on February 25, 1902, to George and Clara Staub Vogt. He was educated at Holy Redeemer School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He earned his master's degree at St. Bonaventure University in 1932. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 11, 1927.

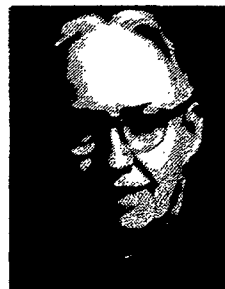


Until his retirement in June of 1973, he served as pastor of Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta, and St. Joseph, Rush. Earlier assignments included associate pastor at Holy Family, professor at St. Andrew's Seminary (1930-1939), diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the Rural Life Bureau (1939-1946).

Father Vogt also pioneered efforts in the local Catholic worker movement. He promoted the Catholic Labor College to train labor leaders in Catholic social doctrine and parliamentary procedure.

Eight priests are celebrating their 50th anniversaries. They are:

**Father J. Walter Carron** was born on May 15, 1912, to James and Margaret Hughes Carron. He was educated at Corpus Christi School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1937.



Until his retirement in June of 1982, he served from 1965 as pastor of St. Mary Church, Geneseo. Other pastorates included St. Gregory's, Marion, for three years, and St. Michael, Livonia Center, and St. Mary, Honeyoye, for four years.

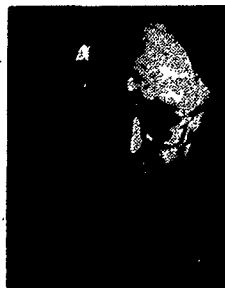
Earlier assignments as associate pastor included St. Mary, Auburn; Holy Redeemer; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; and St. John, Spencerport. From 1946-1951 he served as spiritual director to the seminarians at St. Andrew's Seminary.

**Father Leo J. Matuszewski** was born on June 8, 1908, to Andrew and Mary Czekalska Matuszewski. He was educated at Morris Run Preparatory School in Pennsylvania; St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan; St. Bernard's Seminary; and in Krakow, Poland. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1937, in Poznan, Poland.

From 1965 until 1973, he served as pastor of St. Patrick, Owego. Other pastorates were St. Catherine, Addison; and St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen. Earlier associate pastor assignments included St. Stanislaus; Our Lady of Good Counsel; and St. Mary of the Lake, Ontario, from which he retired in June of 1978.

He also served as chaplain at St. Ann's Home and with the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

**Father Robert F. McNamara** was born on November 3, 1910, to Thomas and Helen Dwyer McNamara. He was educated at St. Mary's School, Corning; Corning Free Academy; Georgetown University; Harvard University; and Gregorian University (North American College). He was ordained a priest in Rome on December 8, 1936. He earned his STD in 1937, and received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from St. Bernard's Seminary in 1981 and an honorary LHD from St. John Fisher College in 1984.



Although retired, he serves as diocesan archivist and historian. For 43 years of his priesthood (1938-1981), he served on the faculty of St. Bernard's Seminary as a professor of Church history. Early in his career, Father McNamara served as associate pastor at St. Francis Xavier, St. Philip Neri, and Annunciation Chapel (located in Genesee Settlement House) on Niagara Street. He also served on the editorial staff of the Catholic Courier and continues to write for the Courier-Journal. He is the author of *The History of the Diocese of Rochester 1868-1968*.

**Father Donald J. Murphy** was born June 16, 1907, to Michael and Hannah Cotter Murphy. He was educated at Elmira Free Academy, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1937.



Until his retirement in June of 1977, he served as pastor of St. Pius X from 1954. Earlier associate pastor assignments included Immaculate Conception, St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Vincent de Paul in Churchville. From 1946 until 1954, he taught at Aquinas Institute.

He served as Army chaplain in the 13th AB and 90th Infantry, receiving Silver and Bronze Stars for gallantry in action.

Before he was appointed pastor of St. Pius, he was pastor of St. Feihan, now located in the Genesee Country Museum in Mumfords.

**Father Francis J. Pegnam** was born March 7, 1912, to Raymond and Katherine Sullivan Pegnam. He was educated at Sacred Heart School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1937.



Until his retirement in June of 1982, he served as the founding pastor of St. Thomas More Church (1953-1982). Previously, he served as associate pastor at St. Patrick, Elmira; Holy Apostles; and Blessed Sacrament. He served as Navy chaplain from 1943-1945, receiving American Defense and Pacific Theater ribbons, and nine battle stars.

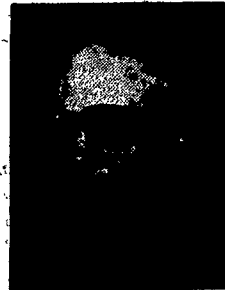
He also served as a diocesan consultor, member of the Priests' Council and on the boards of directors of Becket Hall and the Courier-Journal.

**Father John A. Reddington** was born on February 5, 1913, to Arthur and Margaret Breen Reddington. He was educated at Blessed Sacrament School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and the Gregorian University (North American College) in Rome. He earned his STD in 1939, and was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on March 19, 1937.



Until his retirement in June of 1983, Father Reddington served for 30 years as pastor of St. Louis Church in Pittsford. Previously, he served as professor of dogmatic theology at St. Bernard's Seminary (1939-43) and as associate pastor of St. Francis de Sales in Geneva and St. Ambrose in Rochester. He was a Navy chaplain in the Mediterranean Theater during World War II, receiving the Cavaliere of the Crown of Italy from the Italian government.

**Father Raymond J. Wahl** was born May 6, 1912, to Martin and Barbara Beyer Wahl. He was educated at St. Boniface School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1937.



Until his retirement in June of 1982, he served as the founding pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Auburn (1956-1982). Earlier associate pastor assignments were at St. Alphonsus, Auburn; Holy Family; Sacred Heart Cathedral; and Holy Redeemer.

In the late 1960s, he served as the episcopal vicar for Cayuga, Wayne, Seneca and Ontario counties.

**Father Raymond M. Wuest** was born October 27, 1911, to Andrew and Martha Bock Wuest. He was educated at St. Mary, Olean, Holy Family, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1937.



In the four years prior to his retirement in June of 1973, he served as pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn. Other pastorates were St. Bernard, Scipio Center, and its missions, and St. Mary, Dansville. Earlier, he was assigned as associate pastor of St. Andrew, St. Salome and St. Michael churches.

The eight priests celebrating their 25th anniversaries are:

**Father Robert C. Bradler** has served as pastor of St. James Church, Irondequoit, since 1979 and as diocesan director for the Propagation of the Faith since 1982. He was born January 28, 1935, in Rochester, the son of Clarence and Emma Herbst Bradler. A graduate of Holy Redeemer School, Aquinas Institute, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, Father Bradler was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.



In addition to his other duties, he has served as chaplain of the Rochester Fire Department since 1969 and as priest coordinator of the Northeast Region since 1981.

His early assignments as associate pastor were at Holy Family, Immaculate Conception in Ithaca, St. Anne and Holy Rosary.

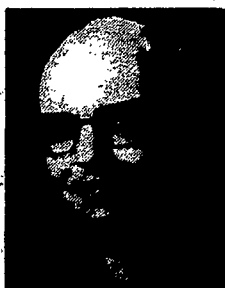
**Father Michael F. Conboy** has been pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church, Irondequoit, since 1984. He was born in Auburn on January 7, 1935, to Philip J. and M. Elizabeth Maloney Conboy. Father Conboy is a graduate of St. Mary's School, and Holy Family High School, both in Auburn, and of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.



In addition to his pastoral duties, Father Conboy is the director of the Deacon and Priest Intern Process and is a member of the Courier-Journal's board of directors.

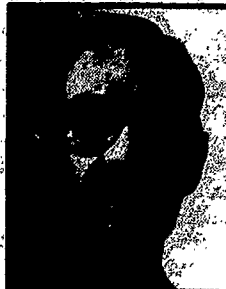
Among his earlier assignments were associate pastorates at Holy Trinity in Webster, St. Charles Borromeo and St. Margaret Mary. Father Conboy served as secretary to Bishop Joseph L. Hogan between 1969 and 1978, as a pro-synodal judge and diocesan consultor. Prior to assuming his present pastorate, he served for six years as pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Seneca Falls.

**Father John Glogowski**, chaplain at St. Ann's Home since 1979, was born March 11, 1935, in Rochester, the son of Joseph and Rita Schwarzmeier Glogowski. He is a graduate of St. Theodore's School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.



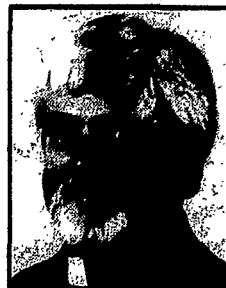
Prior to joining the staff at St. Ann's, Father Glogowski served as associate pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Holy Family in Auburn and Immaculate Conception in Ithaca.

**Father M. Gerard Hafner** has served as pastor of St. Pius X in Van Etten and St. Benedict in Odessa since 1984. He was born May 11, 1935, in Rochester, to Maurice and Elizabeth Cronin Hafner. He is a graduate of St. Thomas School, Aquinas Institute and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.



His assignments as associate pastor were at Holy Apostles, St. Francis in Auburn, Holy Spirit, Holy Family in Auburn, Our Lady of Mercy, St. John in Clyde, St. Joseph in Penfield, Annunciation, Sacred Heart Cathedral and St. Boniface.

**Father Robert F. O'Neill**, official of the diocesan Marriage Tribunal since 1974, was born on December 18, 1936, to Francis J. and Catherine M. Blansky O'Neill. He graduated from Sacred Heart School, attended Aquinas Institute and graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.



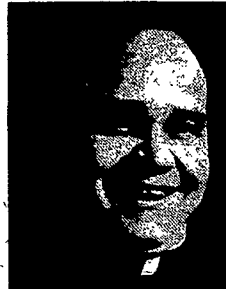
Before assuming his present position, he received a master of Church administration degree from The Catholic University of America in Washington. In addition to his tribunal duties, he serves as president of the Priests' Council of New York.

Prior to his tribunal assignments, Father O'Neill served as associate pastor at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport and at Holy Cross. While continuing his work in the tribunal, he will assume the pastorate of Annunciation Church on June 30.

**Father James E. Tierney** who provides diocesan assistance in the Steuben Region, was born September 13, 1935 in Elmira, to James and Rose Skebey Tierney. A graduate of St. Ann's School in Hornell and of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, he was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.

Previously, he served as associate pastor of St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, St. Thomas and St. Agnes in Avon. He also served for two years on the diocesan Marriage Tribunal.

**Father Eugene R. Weis** is currently serving as temporary administrator of St. Patrick in Seneca Falls. He was born February 1, 1936, to Raymond and Josephine McGrath Weis. He is a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.



He previously served as associate pastor of Our Mother of Sorrows, Holy Apostles, St. Salome and St. John in Greece. For five years, he was pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Newark Valley and St. Francis in Catatonk, following a four-year pastorate at St. Ann, Palmyra.

Having recently completed his sabbatical at Notre Dame University, Father Weis will assume the pastorate of St. Casimir's in Elmira on June 30.

**Father Edward B. Zenkel**, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas in Leicester and St. Lucy in Retsof since 1981, was born on May 14, 1936, in Rochester to Edward and Margaret Tydings Zenkel. He is a graduate of Holy Apostles School, and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard seminaries. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1962.



Previous associate pastorates were at Guardian Angels and St. James, Waverly. Father Zenkel also served for 13 years as chaplain of the State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry.