

# Diocesan priests celebrate ordination jubilees



Father Joseph M. McDonnell is celebrating his 60th jubilee.

On Tuesday, May 22, the Diocese of Rochester will celebrate the 25th, 50th and 60th anniversaries of ordination of 16 diocesan priests. The jubilee celebration will take place at St. Mary's Church, 15 State St., Corning, beginning at 11 a.m.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the principal celebrant at the liturgy of the Eucharist. Following the liturgy, a luncheon for the clergy will be served in the hall of All Saints Academy.

The *Catholic Courier* is pleased to honor these 16 men for their many faithful years of service to the diocesan community.

## The Class of 1930

Father Joseph M. McDonnell had already been a priest for more than 25 years when the Second Vatican Council opened the Catholic Church's windows and turned parish life upside down.

Yet, as pastor of St. Michael's Church, Newark, from 1957-75, Father McDonnell built a strong legacy in the face of near-constant change, winning "the respect and admiration of young, old and middle-aged alike," recalled parishioner and friend Ray Hannan.

"He had the ability to see the need to address the changes," Hannan said. "He had a great knack for pulling things together ... for picking people for specific jobs in the church."

Hannan, now retired from a career with Chase Lincoln Bank and serving as St. Michael's business manager, joined the Newark parish in 1957, the same year in which

Father McDonnell arrived. The banker was among those whose talents the pastor tapped to establish a bingo program to support the parish school.

"Today, the school is sound and under good leadership," Hannan said. "I attribute the success we enjoy today to his leadership."

Father McDonnell arrived in Newark via Hornell, where he spent seven years as pastor of St. Ignatius Church. Father James F. Slattery served as assistant there from 1950-53 and has remained a close friend and admirer. "He made an associate feel more like a co-pastor than anything," Father Slattery recalled. "He'd say, 'The main thing is not who does the work, but that it gets done.'"

Prior to serving in Hornell, Father McDonnell was assigned to parishes in Hammondsport-Prattsburg, St. Mary's and Holy Rosary, Rochester, and to the New York State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry, where he served as chaplain from 1941-44.

A native of Bath, he attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, graduating from the latter in 1930. On June 7 of that year, Bishop John Francis O'Hern ordained Father McDonnell at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

When he retired in 1975, Father McDonnell opted to remain at St. Michael's because of its people, whom he points to as the highlight of his life as a pastor. "They're damn nice people, friendly and close to the faith," he concluded simply.

## The Class of 1940

Ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney at Sacred Heart Cathedral May 18, 1940, seven priests mark their golden anniversary of ordination this year.

The founding pastor of St. Mark's Parish, Greece, Father Joseph D. Donovan left the new community on firm footing when he retired in 1985 after 21 years there.

"Bishop Casey said it would be the happiest thing I'd ever undertake, and it was," Father Donovan recalled. "We felt that we were really extending the Kingdom of God."

Previously, Father Donovan was assigned to Holy Rosary, Ss. Peter and Paul, and St. Margaret Mary, Rochester, as well as St. Ann's, Hornell, and St. Patrick's, Corning. From 1940-41, he served in the Diocese of Paterson, N.J.

A native of Rochester, he attended Immaculate Conception and St. Monica's schools, graduating from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and earning a master's degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1943 as well as a doctorate in education from the University of Buffalo in 1952.

Since retiring four years ago, Father Donovan has resided at St. Ambrose Parish, Rochester.



Monsignor John S. Hayes, rector emeritus of Sacred Heart Cathedral, plans to celebrate his golden jubilee Mass in the cathedral sanctuary in which he was ordained.

Born and raised in Rochester, Father Hayes studied at St. Bernard's Seminary, pursuing graduate studies in English at the University of Rochester and Oxford University in England.

He was assigned twice to the cathedral, as rector from 1966-72, and as associate chaplain in the U.S. Army, serving the men of General George Patton's famed Third Army during World War II.

Among the other chaplaincies to which Father Hayes was assigned were: Veteran's Facility in Bath, Wells College in Aurora and the Dominican Monastery, Elmira, where he continues to serve as chaplain for the Dominican laity.

Since retiring in 1984, Father Hayes has continued to serve as a judge with the diocesan Tribunal. He has written articles for the *Catholic Courier* and reviews of the history of two diocesan parishes, St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt Street, Rochester, and St. Vincent's, Corning, where he currently resides.



The flood that devastated areas of the Southern Tier in 1972 presented Father Joseph F. Hogan with his most memorable challenge as a pastor.

Assigned to St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning, from 1964-73, he faced the task of putting the parish buildings back together, a burden he said was eased by the way parishioners and neighbors came together and demonstrated their concern for one another.

A native of Waverly, Father Hogan attended Waverly High School and graduated from diocesan seminaries. Among his parish assignments were: St. Mary's, Watkins Glen; St. Patrick's, Elmira; and St. Patrick's, Owego. From 1955-61, he served Notre Dame High School as chaplain.

Father Hogan returned to Notre Dame to live at the convent upon his retirement in 1973.

For 19 of his 50 years as a priest, Father

Alfred J. Horr was pastor of St. Mary Magdalen, Wolcott, where he continues to serve as pastor emeritus.

An alumnus of St. Patrick's School, Mt. Morris, and Mt. Morris High School, Father Horr graduated from diocesan seminaries. Prior to his assignment in Wolcott, he served at St. Mary's, Elmira, and Holy Family, Auburn, for 10 years respectively, as well as at St. Mary's, Corning, and St. John's, Spencerport.

Since retiring in 1986 from the pastorate of St. Gregory Church, Marion, Father John A. Morgan has spent winters assisting at Sacred Heart Parish in Pinehurst, N.C., and summers filling in for priests throughout the Rochester diocese.

A native of Auburn, Father Morgan moved to Rochester while still in elementary school, attending St. Ambrose School, as well as St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Among the parishes in which he served were: Blessed Sacrament, 1940-51; St. Bernard's, Scipio Center, 1964-67; St. James, Waverly, 1967-78; and St. Columba, Caledonia, 1978-81.

From Caledonia, Father Morgan moved to St. Gregory's, where he served as pastor for five years.

Father John A. Murphy spent 22 years as pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Rochester, concluding with his retirement in 1984.

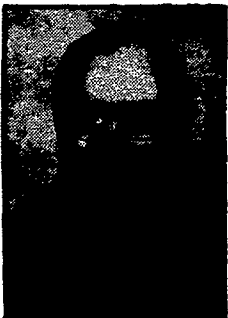
Prior to 1962, he spent a decade as chaplain at what has become Craig Developmental Center but was then known as Sonyea's Craig Colony for Epileptics.

The Geneva native and DeSales High School alumnus also undertook assignments at St. Philip Neri, Rochester, and St. Patrick's, Elmira.

He currently resides at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning.

Since formally retiring in 1984, Father Bartholomew J. O'Brien has traveled throughout the diocese in answer to more than 100 invitations to offer retreats and parish missions.

Horseheads remains Father O'Brien's home, although he no longer resides at St. Mary Our Mother



Church, where he served as pastor from 1965-84.

Earlier, he was assigned to Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira — where he was both an assistant, 1951-62, and pastor, 1962-65 — and to St. Patrick's, Rochester, from 1941-51.

In 1961, Bishop Kearney appointed Father O'Brien diocesan director of the Sacerdotal Union and its lay branch, the Eucharistic Legion. Six years later, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen named the Waverly native vicar for the Corning-Elmira-Waverly area.

Throughout his years as a priest, Father O'Brien has also written numerous articles and books focusing on spiritual life.

The longtime pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rochester, and former rector of St. Andrew's Seminary, Monsignor Richard M. Quinn now resides at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Irondequoit.

Born July 26, 1914, to Theobald and Helen Schutte Quinn, he attended Immaculate Conception School and Aquinas Institute, during which time he lived with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Quinn.

Monsignor Quinn received his religious training at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and went on to obtain his master's degree from Canisius College in Buffalo. He completed advanced studies at Columbia University and the University of Ottawa.

Following his ordination in 1940, Monsignor Quinn served as assistant pastor of several parishes in New Jersey. He was later named assistant pastor of Holy Cross Church, Rochester, where he served from 1943 to 1945.

Monsignor Quinn was a professor at St. Andrew's Seminary, and was rector of the seminary until 1967, when he was named pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

He was named papal chamberlain, with the title very reverend monsignor, by Pope John XXIII in 1959, and domestic prelate with the title right reverend monsignor in 1966.

He retired as pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in 1985.

Father Albert J. Shamon had a long career in the field of religious education. Born April 3, 1915, to Charles and Victoria Mahfoud Shamon in Auburn, he attended St. Aloysius and Auburn Academic High School and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. He earned his master's degree in history from Canisius College, Buffalo, and furthered his studies at Glenn Ellyn and Maryknoll House of Studies, Chicago.

Father Shamon's first assignment was as assistant pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, where he served until 1944. He taught at Aquinas Institute from 1945 until 1950, and was a lecturer on dogmatic and mystical theology from 1949 to 1963, during which time he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Victor (1961). He was elevated to the post of episcopal vicar for Religious Education for the Diocese of Rochester by Bishop Sheen in April, 1967, and vicar of education.

Father Shamon served as pastor of St. Patrick's Church until 1970 and in the education office until 1973. He was later pastor of St. Mary's, Waterloo, from 1973 until he retired in 1985.

In addition to being a regular columnist for the *Catholic Courier*, Father Shamon has written several books, including *First Steps to Sanctity* (1958), a layman's guide to a holy life; *Behind the Mass* (1950); *Catching Up on Catechetics* (1972); and *Treasure Untold* (1955).

## The Class of 1964

Six priests will mark their silver anniversaries of ordination this year. One priest, Father Charles Mulligan, was ordained in Rome in December, 1964. The other five

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