

Ministry head seeks more church support

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

ROCHESTER — Ask the Rev. Randolph Fields where he got the strength to carry on his ministry to prison inmates, and he may reply that God literally gave him the backbone to do it.

Named to his position last month, the 38-year-old executive director of Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, Inc., recalled that he took up his vocation after striking an unusual deal with the Lord. Faced with an unexplained development of spinal curvature during his freshman year in college, he was warned by his doctor to prepare for a lifelong affliction.

"I was told I'd never be able to walk straight," the RIJM director said. He decided to go home to Canton, Ohio, to

seek his mother's help in coping with his situation. Known as a "prayer warrior" in her Pentecostal church, the Rev. Fields' mother was often called upon to pray intensely for various people facing difficult circumstances, he said.

As he journeyed homeward, the young man contemplated his future and decided to offer God a deal that — in retrospect — he seemingly didn't refuse.

"If you heal my back, I'll preach the Gospel," the Rev. Fields remembered petitioning the Lord. A doctor's examination after his arrival in Canton found no spinal curvature whatsoever, and Fields took up the study of the ministry.

Ordained a minister in the Church of God in Christ in 1976, the Rev. Fields has

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The Rev. Randolph Fields was recently appointed executive director of Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, Inc.

Corning set to host convocation

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ROCHESTER — The Diocese of Rochester as it relates both to its parishes and to the universal church is the focus of Convocation '91, scheduled for April 8-10 at the Corning Hilton in Corning.

The featured speaker at this year's annual gathering of diocesan priests is Father Patrick Granfield, OSB, professor of systematic theology at the Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C. Father Granfield, an expert in ecclesiology, is the author of the 1987 book *The Limits of the Papacy: Authority and Autonomy in the Church*.

The convocation will also include a presentation by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, and reflections on the diocese and its history by his predecessor, Bishop Joseph

L. Hogan.

In addition, the convocation will offer a variety of workshops ranging from "Ministry in a Culturally Diverse World" to "Women in the Parish: From Committee Heads to Co-Workers" to "Parish Management."

Several of the workshops, such as the one on parish management, are being offered by individuals and organizations from the Corning area.

The theme for this year's convocation was selected by a committee headed by Father Dan Tormey. Father Tormey, who also directs the diocesan ministry to priests office, said that in selecting the theme, the committee members "were trying to address the issues that we are facing in the local parishes."

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DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS



Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following diocesan appointments:

Father Anthony F. Calimeri, pastor of St. Francis Church, Phelps, to concurrent responsibilities as administrator of St. Felix Church, Clifton Springs, effective June 25.

Father Michael F. Conboy, from pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit, to pastor of St. Joseph Church, Penfield, effective June 25.

Father John D. Dillon, from pastor of Church of the Epiphany, Sodus, and St. Rose of Lima, Sodus Point, to sabbatical at McGill University in Montreal, effective May 1.

Father Edward Golden, priest chaplain at the Elmira and Southport Correctional Facilities and Camp Monterey to pastor of Church of the Assumption, Fairport, effective June 25.

Father George P. Heyman, temporary administrator of St. Anne Church, Palmyra, and St. Gregory Church, Marion, to concurrent responsibilities as pastor of Church of the Epiphany, Sodus, and St. Rose of Lima, Sodus Point, effective May 1.

Father Robert A. Klee, in temporary

diocesan-assistance ministry to Church of the Epiphany, Sodus, and St. Rose of Lima Church, Sodus Point, effective May 1-June 25; during the remaining sabbatical-assistance ministry of the pastor, Father George P. Heyman.

Father Charles T. Manning, from diocesan associate director of youth ministry for teen retreats and Christian Family Renewal and concurrent part-time sabbatical-assistance ministry at St. Bridget/St. Joseph Church, Bloomfield, to pastor of St. Pius V Church, Cohocton, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Perkinsville, effective June 25.

Father Richard M. Murphy, from administrator of St. Catherine of Siena

Church, Addison, to special diocesan assistance on the campus ministry team at Cornell University, effective July 1, the start of the sabbatical of Father Michael J. Mahler.

Father William Nayden, CSSR, from extraordinary preaching duties at the St. John Neumann Shrine in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to parochial vicar at Our Lady of Victory/St. Joseph Church, Rochester, effective April 15.

Father Gerald T. O'Connor, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church, Bradford, and St. Joseph Church, Campbell, to concurrent responsibilities as administrator of St. Catherine of Siena Church, Addison, effective July 1.



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