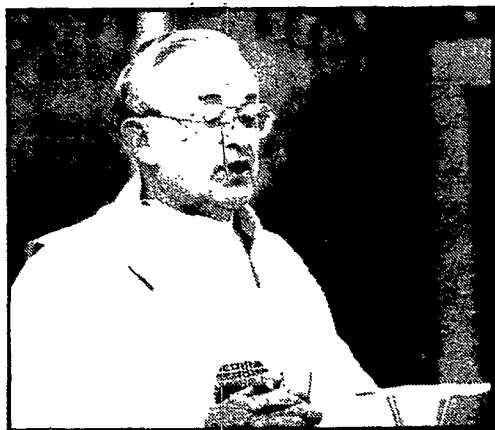


## Father Nolan celebrates farewell Mass

MT. MORRIS — Approximately 300 people turned out as Father Norbert Nolan (immediate right), celebrated his farewell Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 46 Stanley St., on Sept. 13.

In August, Bishop Matthew H. Clark issued a decree removing Father Nolan from the pastorate effective Sept. 13. According to a diocesan statement, the action stemmed from Father Nolan's failure to cooperate in addressing a number of concerns about his actions, including allegations of alcohol abuse. Father Nolan has initiated a Vatican ap-



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peal of his removal.

In the far-right photo, usher Santo Annalora (right) looked on sadly as fellow usher Joe Julien opened the church doors at the conclusion of the farewell Mass.



## Committee to honor nine women for service

ROCHESTER — The Women's Scholarship Committee of St. Bernard's Institute will honor nine Rochester-area women for their personal and professional achievements.

The second "Celebration of Catholic Women," slated for Sept. 25, will raise scholarship funds for women attending St. Bernard's Institute, the graduate school of theology and ministry of the Rochester diocese.

Sister Barbara Moore, RSM, community liaison for health and human services with Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-30th District), will be the featured speaker for the evening. Sister Moore is the former director of the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry.

The following nine women will be recognized for their contributions to the Ro-

chester-area community and church:

- Gertrude Chanler, a longtime benefactor of St. Bernard's Institute. For many years she also has supported seminary education as well as numerous cultural and educational institutions in Rochester, the Genesee Valley region and Washington, D.C.

- Sister Elizabeth Conheady, SSJ, chaplain at Groveland Correctional Facility. At Groveland, Sister Conheady counsels and administers religious programs to the inmates.

- Elizabeth DeLucia, a well-known member of Rochester's Italian-American community. She has been an active fundraiser for health and education agencies in the area, including St. Mary's Hospital and Nazareth College of Rochester.

- Margaret Driscoll, who nearly 50

years ago helped found the Rochester Catholic Worker House, the city's first Catholic Worker House of Hospitality. Driscoll now lives in Ithaca where she is active in social ministry for her parish, St. Catherine of Siena.

- Julie Smith, a leader in Corpus Christi's parish outreach efforts. In addition to starting and administering a day-care center to serve low-income families, Smith helped found the prison ministry at Rogers House.

- Sister Mary Sullivan, RSM, a scholar, professor and former dean of liberal arts at Rochester Institute of Technology. Sister Sullivan has taught at St. Bernard's Institute and served on its board of trustees. A Sister of Mercy since 1950, she is currently professor of language and literature at RIT.

- Catherine Tocci, the junior and senior high school coordinator at Assumption of Our Lady Parish in Fairport. Tocci is the founder and spokeswoman for Concerned Parents of Perinton, a group formed to combat the challenge of underage drinking in the community.

- Donna Provenzano Warner, who provides leadership at Sacred Heart Parish through fundraising, outreach to the elderly and social-justice awareness.

- Gaynelle Wethers, former principal of St. Monica's School and member of the Monroe County Human Relations Commission. In 1984, she became the first black school principal in the history of the Rochester diocese.

Tickets are \$25 for the dinner at St. Bernard's. Reservations may be made by calling 716/385-4173 or 275-5660.

## Local Merton Society offering objector-to-war cards

ROCHESTER — In an effort to provoke thought about modern warfare, the Rochester Thomas Merton Society has decided to offer Civilian Conscientious Objector to war cards.

"The point of (the cards) is to try to prod consciences to think about the issue of war and the fact that modern war is not like war in the past," observed Monsignor William Shannon, former president of the International Thomas Merton Society. "Signing the card is a commitment to saying that modern war is something I object to."

The cards are intended for individuals who would not be eligible for a draft because of their gender, age or infirmity. Such individuals would not fall under the traditional categories of conscientious objectors, Monsignor Shannon explained.

According to Monsignor Shannon, those traditional categories are absolute pacifists who believe that all wars are unjust, and selective conscientious objectors who question the justice of specific wars.

The society decided to offer the cards as a result of discussions at its May board

meeting, according to Katherine Heining, society president. Heining said the board viewed the cards as a way to support peace movements and individuals who chose conscientious-objector status.

The decision was also made in light of the Persian Gulf War and the overwhelming support the war received from U.S. citizens, Monsignor Shannon explained.

He announced the availability of the cards at the June 13-16 general meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society, which took place in Rochester.

In his address, Monsignor Shannon noted that civilians declaring conscien-

tious-objector status would "create in society the moral power of a group of mature women and men, who have no personal need to object (to war) so as to be exempted (from the draft), who could carry on within the human community the kind of moral and ethical dialogue that citizens should enter into before a country makes the tragic decision that its security is at such great stake that it must go to war."

— Lee Strong

**EDITORS' NOTE:** To obtain information about the cards, contact the Rochester Merton Society, 4095 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14618.

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## Bishop Clark names Father Ring new head of Priests' Personnel

ROCHESTER — Bishop Matthew H. Clark has named Father Robert Ring, pastor of St. Augustine's Parish, as the Diocese of Rochester's new Priests' Personnel Director. The appointment becomes effective Jan. 1, 1992.

Father Ring will succeed Father Robert Schrader, who has been the director since January, 1986.

"Father Ring is well respected by his brother priests and has a strong sense of the changing picture of ministry in today's church," Bishop Clark said of the appointment.

Father Ring said he had gained an understanding of the director's job through his membership since 1987 on the Priests' Personnel Board. During the past year he has chaired a board committee reviewing structures that serve priestly life and ministry. He said that involvement gave him some ideas about how to change the director's position.

Father Ring said that one of his goals is to work closely with the Ministry to Priests program and the office of continuing edu-

cation. In addition, he said he "will look closely at the placement of priests (in parishes), recognizing they are part of a team."

A native of Salisbury, Md., Father Ring converted to Catholicism from the Baptist Church in 1974. He graduated from St. John Fisher College and St. Bernard's Seminary, and was ordained a priest on May 21, 1982, at St. Michael's Parish, Newark.

Father Ring served as a parochial vicar at Assumption of the Lord Parish in Fairport from 1982-85, and at St. Mary Our Mother Parish in Horseheads from 1985-89.

In addition, he was a member of diocesan Liturgical Commission from 1982-86, and since 1989 has been a member of the diocesan Budget Committee.

After leaving the director's position in January, Father Schrader will take a six-month sabbatical at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Santa Barbara, Calif. He will return to the diocese in June of 1992 for reassignment to ministerial duties.