

# Bishop, priests celebrate ordination jubilees

A bishop, nine diocesan priests and two religious-order priests are marking their 50th and 25th anniversaries of ordination. This year's jubilarians were honored during the annual diocesan Priests' Convocation, held at the Corning Hilton from April 27-29.

In addition to Bishop Hogan, Fathers Joseph M. Egan and Clarence M. Gardner were ordained on June 6, 1942, by the late Bishop James E. Kearney in Sacred Heart Church — later to be designated the diocesan cathedral.

Father Joseph M. Egan, has truly returned to his roots. Currently an associate pastor at St. Casimir's Church, Elmira, Father Egan resides alone in his childhood home on South Main Street in Horseheads.



Two Masses at St. Casimir's — the 5 p.m. liturgy on June 6 and 8:45 a.m. on June 7 — will celebrate Father Egan's 50th jubilee. A banquet honoring the priest will also take place at Elmira College this Sunday, June 7.

Father Egan was born May 14, 1917. He attended Horsehead public schools before moving on to St. Andrew's Minor Seminary, St. Bernard's Seminary, North American College in Rome, and Chicago's Mundelein College.

Following his ordination, he became professor of dogmatic theology at St. Bernard's in 1943 and stayed there for 23 years. After serving as pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Elmira from 1966-77, he resigned from that post so he could return to Horseheads and care for his mother, Ethel Mary (Gillera) Egan. She died in 1984 at the age of 94; his father, Joseph, died when Father Egan was 5-years old.

He was associate pastor at St. Mary's Church in Elmira from 1977-81. Since that time, he has performed similar duties at St. Casimir's.

Father Clarence Gardner has served everyone from kids to convicts during his 50 years of priesthood.



The pastor emeritus, a former noted prison chaplain, currently resides at St. Alphonsus Parish in Auburn where one of his primary duties is instructing elementary-school children in the rituals of the Mass.

Each weekday during the school year, the priest takes one of the elementary grades and assigns various roles in the liturgy's celebration.

"That way they become familiar and can get used to the rhythm of the Mass," Father Gardner said.

Father Gardner was born Sept. 9, 1915, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Gardner of Rochester. He attended Holy Redeemer School, St. Ambrose School, Aquinas Institute, as well as St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's.

He served as assistant pastor of the following parishes: Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, 1942-44; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, 1944-46; St. Alphonsus, Auburn, 1946-54; St. Anthony's, Rochester, 1954-56; St. Dominic's, Shortsville, 1956-57; Holy Rosary, Rochester, 1957-59.

Father Gardner was appointed chaplain at Auburn State Prison and at Mercy Hospital in 1959. During his chaplaincy at the prison, he developed the *Calix* (Latin for "chalice") Program

to help rehabilitate prisoners.

In 1978, Father Gardner became pastor of Auburn's St. Alphonsus Church, a position he held until his retirement in 1986.

The seven diocesan priests marking their 25th jubilees were ordained by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. The ordinations took place June 3, 1967, at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Father Lewis Brown is a lieutenant commander with the U.S. Navy and works with its Norfolk, Va.-based Chaplain Resource Board.



Born June 1, 1941, in Millport, N.Y., Father Brown is the son of Lewis E. Brown and Eleanor Mary Ryan Brown. He attended St. Mary Our Mother Grammar School in Horseheads and Notre Dame High School in Elmira. He later graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary.

After his ordination, Father Brown was named assistant pastor of Our Lady of Assumption in Fairport, where he served until 1970. He later moved to St. Alphonsus in Auburn, where he was assistant pastor until 1972. He took the same post at St. Ann's in Hornell until 1976. He also created and hosted a children's religious radio show on the Christian Broadcasting Network during the 1970s.

Father Brown became diocesan director of religious education in 1976, a position he held until becoming assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception in Ithaca in 1981. Since entering the navy in 1985, he has served in Okinawa, aboard the U.S.S. *Nimitz*, and at a submarine base in Bangor, Wash.

He was assigned to his latest post at the Chaplain Resource Board in November, 1991.

Father Frank E. Lioi, pastor of Rochester's St. Anne Church, was born Dec. 14, 1941, to Mary Jane (Coiro) Lioi and the late Anthony Lioi. He attended Sacred Heart and Holy Family grammar schools in Rochester, and graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.



Father Lioi served as assistant pastor at St. John The Evangelist in Greece (1967-72) and Church of the Annunciation in Rochester (1972-74). He joined the St. Bernard's faculty in 1975 and was rector at the seminary from 1977-81.

Father Lioi spent the next eight years at American College in Lourain, Belgium, where his duties included director of planning and development and vice-rector. He was appointed pastor at St. Anne upon his return to the Rochester diocese in 1989.

Father Vincent Panepinto has served as chaplain at the Elmira Correctional Facility, the Southport Correctional Facility and the Monterey Shock Camp since 1991.



The son of Joseph Panepinto and Madeline Pellingra Panepinto, Father Panepinto was born Oct. 18, 1941. He attended Our Lady of Mount Carmel Grammar School, St. Andrew's and St.

Bernard's Seminary, all in Rochester.

After his ordination in 1967, the priest was assigned as assistant pastor to St. Philip Neri in Rochester where he served until 1972. He took the same position at St. Anthony's in Elmira from 1972-77, after which he went to Becket Hall in Rochester and Brighton's Mercy High School to serve as chaplain.

Father Panepinto became pastor of St. Michael's in Rochester in 1982, and stayed there until 1991.

Father Terence K. Fleming has served as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Greece since 1988.



The son of John David Fleming and Oliphine (Kaner) Fleming, he was born Aug. 10, 1941, attended Rochester's Sacred Heart Grammar School and Aquinas Institute. He graduated from St. Andrew's in 1961 and St. Bernard's Seminary in 1967.

After ordination, Father Fleming was named assistant pastor of St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester, where he served until 1972. He then moved to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rochester, where he served in the same capacity from 1972-73. Father Fleming took the post of chaplain at Our Lady of Mercy High School and the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse in Brighton in 1973, and stayed there until 1977.

Later that year, Father Fleming became chaplain of the Newman Oratory at the State University of New York College at Brockport, a position he held until 1985. He also served as a primary therapist at the Chili Counseling Center and the Catholic Family Center from 1977-85. In addition, he was chaplain at Genesee Hospital from 1985-1988.

Father Robert W. Hammond, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Bath, was born Sept. 26, 1939, to Eileen (Sullivan) Hammond and the late Kingdon Hammond.



Father Hammond was assistant pastor at Holy Trinity Church in Webster (1967-71) and St. Michael's in Newark (1971-73). He directed Teen Seminar from 1973-79 and was chaplain at Notre Dame High School in Elmira from 1979-80.

He was assistant pastor at St. Anne Church in Rochester (1980-82), Holy Ghost in Gates (1982-83), and St. Cecilia in Irondequoit (1983-87) before coming to St. Mary's as pastor in 1987.

Father Ronald P. Harley, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva, was born November 19, 1938. He attended St. Rose School in Lima and Lima High School, and graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's.



Father Harley was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Elmira (1967-70), St. Charles Borromeo in Greece (1970-74), St. Paul's in Webster (1974-79), Our Lady of Lourdes in Brighton (1979-80) and St. Mary's in Rochester (1980-82).

He was temporary administrator at St. Paul's for sixth months in 1982 before serving as assistant pastor at St.

Mary's of the Lake in Ontario until 1984. Father Harley was then appointed pastor at St. Pius V in Cohocton and Sacred Heart of Jesus Mission in Perkinsville. He served in that role until his arrival at St. Francis de Sales Church in 1988.

Father David P. Simon, pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church in Apalachin, was born Aug. 26, 1940, to the late Helen (Russell) Simon and Frederick Simon.



He attended St. Alphonsus School and Mt. Carmel High School, and graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

Father Simon was assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Victor (1967-71), and was chaplain and at DeSales High School in Geneva (1971-75) before serving as co-pastor at St. Augustine's Church in Rochester (1975-78). In 1978 he became assistant pastor at St. Mary's in Dansville and temporary administrator at Holy Cross in Ovid.

Father Simon became assistant pastor at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Greece in 1978 and stayed there until 1983, when he was appointed pastor at St. Margaret Mary.

Receptions for Father Simon will be held at St. Margaret Mary following the 5:15 p.m. Mass on June 6 and the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses on June 7. Also scheduled is a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving on June 14, followed by a dinner/dance from 1 to 6 p.m. at Brothers 2 Party House in Endicott.

Two religious-order priests — one serving in the diocese and the other a Rochester native — are celebrating their 50th jubilees.

Father Fintan Shoniker, OSB, who resides at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pa., was born in Rochester on Nov. 13, 1914, to the late Mary (McConville) Shoniker and Benjamin Shoniker. The Benedictine priest attended Corpus Christi School and graduated from St. Andrew's in 1933.



He entered the Benedictine Monastic Community of St. Vincent Archabbey in 1935, and made simple profession of vows in 1936 and solemn profession of vows in 1939. Father Shoniker attended St. Vincent Seminary from 1936-42 and was ordained in 1942.

Father Oliver O'Connor, OFM, Cap., will mark 50 years as a Capuchin priest on June 24, 1992.



A member of the Franciscan Community at St. Fidelis Friary in Interlaken since 1973, Father O'Connor has served in the Franciscan preaching apostolate from 1946 to 1961, and continuously since 1967. From 1946 to 1950 he was promoter of vocations for the New York-New England Province of the Capuchin Franciscan order.

Born June 10, 1916, in Yonkers, N.Y., Father O'Connor entered the Capuchin novitiate in 1934, pronouncing his first vows on Aug. 27, 1935. He took perpetual vows Aug. 27, 1938, and was ordained June 24, 1942.