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Deacon John W. Medico, member of first permanent diaconate class

ROCHESTER — Deacon John W. Medico, a member of the Rochester diocese's first class of permanent deacons in 1982, died of lung cancer on Thursday, Jan. 14, 1993. He was 70.

Born Sept. 10, 1922, the Irondequoit resident studied at the former St. Andrew High School Seminary before earning his degree in theology from Mt. St. Mary's Seminary in Ohio.

During his life Deacon Medico served as a social worker at Genesee Settlement House; an English and Latin teacher at Ridgewood Junior High School, Livonia Central High School, and McQuaid Jesuit High School; and in the film technical services division at Eastman Kodak Company, from which he retired in 1987.

In addition, Deacon Medico founded an education and job training program for young men on parole. He also served as chaplain with the New York State Division for Youth Services.

After he was ordained a permanent deacon on April 17, 1982, Deacon Me-

dico was assigned to St. Francis Xavier Church — now known as Holy Redeemer/St. Francis Xavier Parish located at 34 Teresa St.

Deacon John Erb, who served at the Rochester parish with the late deacon, noted that Deacon Medico voluntarily chose to serve people living in Rochester's inner-city neighborhoods.

"I think that he ended up at St. Francis Xavier/Holy Redeemer is a testimony to his dedication to serve," Deacon Erb remarked. "His life really was one of service. Being ordained a (permanent) deacon was really a culmination of a life of service."

Upon retirement Deacon Medico still remained active at the city parish, preaching and working with baptismal and marriage-preparation programs.

He was predeceased by his parents, Anthony and Hazel (Floyd) Medico, and a brother, John. Deacon Medico is survived by another brother, William, who lives at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Canandaigua; a sister, Alva Sadler, of Ovid; as well as two nephews and a niece.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon Medico on Jan. 18, at Christ the King Parish in Irondequoit. Interment was in the Irondequoit Cemetery.

-- Lee Strong

Ernst Weyand; noted volunteer in Hornell area

HORNELL — Ernst H. "Ernie" Weyand, who was remembered for his extensive volunteering efforts in the Hornell area, died at St. James Mercy Hospital on Nov. 18, 1992. He was 64.

A parishioner of St. Ignatius Loyola Church and a Hornell High School graduate, he served from 1951-52 in the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Division during the Korean conflict. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

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Over the years Mr. Weyand served in such organizations as the St. James Mercy Foundation board of directors, Knights of Columbus, and Elks Lodge.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 343 Canisteo St., on Nov. 21. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fremont, N.Y.

Mr. Weyand was the brother of Sister Barbara Weyand, RSM, of the Sisters of Mercy in Rochester. Additional survivors are his wife, Janice; a daughter, Elizabeth Martin, of Minneapolis, Minn.; two sons, Army Captain Ernst H. Weyand III, of Fort Benning, Ga., and Dr. John S. Weyand, of Hornell; two brothers, Karl Weyand, of Hornell, and Father John J. Weyand, of Berlin, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Weyand may send checks to St. James Mercy Hospital's "Lights of Life," Babe Ruth Scholarship Fund or Hornell YMCA.

