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Second Calling

Some are finding life more fulfilling after vocation change

ROCHESTER — Rick Farrell was a lithographer. Jim Hankey was an executive with Corning Glass, Inc. Katie Kanick was a dental hygienist. Tom Jewell managed a chemical research laboratory.

Today, they are, respectively: a priest, a permanent deacon, a woman religious and a parish director of liturgy and music.

These four individuals are among a small but growing number of people who have undertaken second-career vocations in the church.

Some of those making the switch are retirees or have taken early retirement. But others — including these four — are making career and vocation changes long before retirement age.

And that transition often means more than just a change in job description.

When Deacon Hankey left Corning Glass, he and his wife — both pilots — had owned a plane. Leaving a lucrative position in industry to become business manager at Ithaca's Immaculate Conception Parish soon forced him and his wife to sell their plane.

"We had to reduce our lifestyle," Deacon Hankey told the *Catholic*

Courier. "I really felt to be a deacon, I wanted to live ... more simply."

Beyond the financial impact, Tom Jewell discovered that moving from director of a research laboratory to director of liturgy and music in a parish meant contending with fewer barriers between his personal life and his work life.

"When I worked in the chemical industry, what I did at work mattered," recalled Jewell, who now works at Rochester's St. Helen Parish, 310 Hinchey Road. "But when I went home, I left my job behind. They were separate.

"In the church," Jewell continued, "we worship with the people. We share a bigger part of lives, not just work together."

When Sister Kanick joined the Sisters of Mercy, she found herself being asked to give up some of the independence she had experienced while living on her own.

"I came from a lot of years of independent living," Sister Kanick told the *Courier*. "I had to get used to making decisions as part of a community."

In choosing to make such a career switch, these people are simply following an overall trend in U.S. soc-

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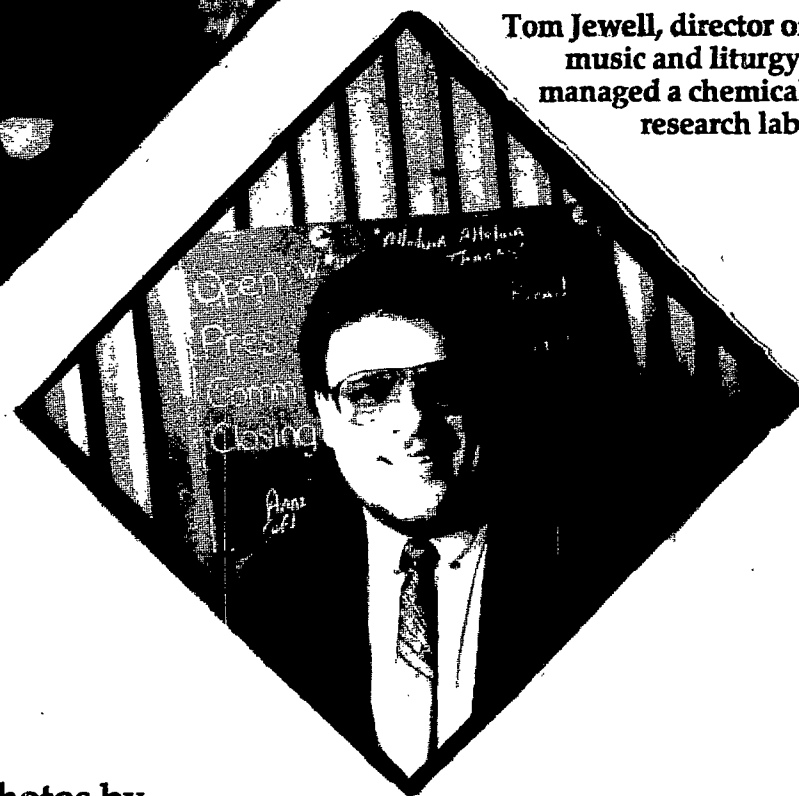
Deacon Jim Hankey was an executive with Corning Glass, Inc.



Sister Katie Kanick, RSM, was a dental hygienist.



Father Rick Farrell was a lithographer.



Tom Jewell, director of music and liturgy, managed a chemical research lab.

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WALKING IN FAITH

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