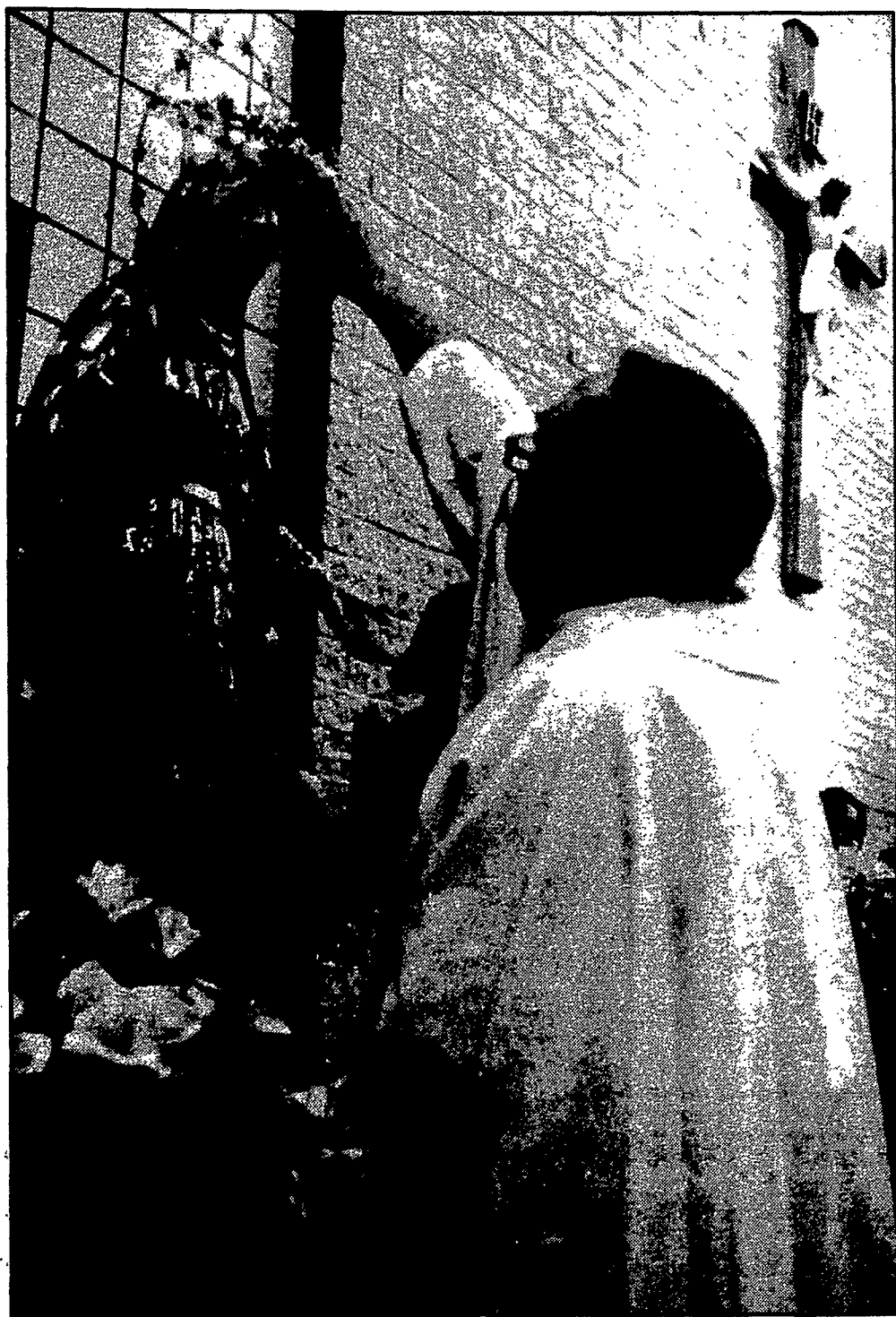


## Worth the wait



Lauren McFalls/Photo intern

## Statue finds a new home

After two years of waiting, the Society of Our Lady of Miracles finally unpacked the Statue of the Madonna Di Miracoli, which has found a home at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 4100 Lyell Road, Gates. (At left) Father John J. Steger blesses the hand-carved wooden statue during an April 10 procession and dedication Mass for the statue. (Top) Parishioners had an opportunity to touch the statue and offer a prayer during the service.

## Process begun to hire pastoral administrator

By Lee Strong  
Senior staff writer

The Rochester diocese is about to complete the process of hiring its first-ever pastoral administrator to run a diocesan parish.

Beginning in June, this administrator — either a lay person, woman religious or permanent deacon — will assume responsibility of overseeing the day-to-day operations at St. Gabriel's Parish in Hammondsport.

Father Robert W. Hammond, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Bath, will serve as the sacramental minister. In that capacity he will preside at the liturgy of the Eucharist and administer the sacraments.

Father Robert P. Ring, director of the diocesan Department of Priests' Personnel, will serve as priest moderator. He will meet with the administrator on a quarterly basis to set goals and directions for the parish.

The diocese received four applications for the position, reported Mary Kessler, the diocesan director of Human Resources.

Kessler said that a committee has already been formed to assess the candidates. That committee, which will conduct interviews in mid-May, includes diocesan officials, representatives from the Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of St. Joseph, and two representatives from the parish.

Meanwhile, Deacon Claude Lester, director of the Office of Pastoral Council Formation, and Barbara Pedeville, director of the Department of Personnel Services, have been meeting with parishioners and parish officials to help prepare them for the pastoral administrator's arrival. Part of that process has been developing long- and short-term goals for the parish, Kessler said.

Meanwhile, Kessler added, applicants have all been urged to visit the parish to familiarize themselves with the community.

The diocese has previously appointed temporary administrators of parishes to carry on administrative duties while a pastor is ill or on sabbatical, or until a new pastor is appointed.

In appointing its first permanent administrator, the diocese is actually following the lead of approximately 71 other dioceses across the country. Kessler noted that the committee that developed the position's job description for the Rochester diocese — the Pastoral Administrator Task Force — studied what had been done in other dioceses.

Kessler said that because this appointment will be the first of its kind here, diocesan officials are being extremely selective.

"We want to make sure for the first formal placement that they be well-qualified for the position because we want them to be successful," Kessler said.

She noted that the position has only been open to people who are currently involved in the diocese to help ensure that candidates are already familiar with its polices and practices. In addition, Kessler said, the decision to limit applications to only area people recognizes the fact that the number of diocesan residents who are qualified to fill the position is large.

"We have a very talented pool of people for the position," Kessler explained. "We've had pastoral associates for 20 years. We've had many graduates from St. Bernard's (Seminary and Institute). Our feeling is we should use our resources."

## Obituary

### Domenick L. Gabrielli, former judge, 81

BATH — Former Rochester and Bath resident Domenick L. Gabrielli, a retired state State Court of Appeals Associate Judge, died on March 25, 1994, at Villa Mary Immaculate Nursing home in Albany. He was 81.

A native of Rochester, Mr. Gabrielli graduated from St. Lawrence University and Albany Law School. He was admitted to the bar in 1937. He spent the next several years holding a number of legal positions in Steuben County, including district attorney. He became a justice of the state Supreme Court for the Seventh Judicial District in 1961.

Mr. Gabrielli later served as an asso-

ciate justice of the state Appellate Division in both Albany and Rochester before advancing to the Court of Appeals — the state's highest court — in 1972. He retired in 1982.

From 1982-92, Mr. Gabrielli served as senior counsel in Rochester and Albany for the Rochester-based Nixon Hargrave Devans & Doyle law firm.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held for Mr. Gabrielli on March 30, 1994, at St. Mary's Church in Bath. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Bath.

In a eulogy delivered at the March 30 Mass, state Court of Appeals Judge Joseph W. Bellacosa described Mr.

Gabrielli as somebody who "always reached out to everyone at every station in life with respect, real interest, affection and a helping hand."

"With those central, essential characteristics, he remains for us all a model as lawyers and as judges," Bellacosa said of his friend and colleague. "Much more importantly, he is a model for how human beings ought to behave throughout their lives."

Mr. Gabrielli is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughter, Veronica Dumas; son, Michael; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

— Mike Latona

## Musician

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wide, and notes that the demand for his music is "probably even more prevalent among Protestants."

A resident of Trumansburg for the past 20 years, Repp also operates his music publishing business, K & R Publishing, out of his home tucked peacefully away in the hills of Taughannoc Park.

Yet he notes that the ongoing dispute with Lloyd Webber has made things extremely unpeaceful at times.

"There have been private investigators going by, and the phone has been acting strange," said Repp. More important than any monetary settlement,

Repp said, is to achieve justice.

"I mean, what does one do when you've been wronged?" Repp remarked. "There is no doubt that's it's my music."

Yet Lloyd Webber's attorney disputes this charge in an article which appeared in the March 3-9 edition of *The Catholic Sun*, the Syracuse diocesan newspaper.

Leonard Marks, an attorney for Webber, told *Sun* staff writer Peter Duffy that the lawsuit is "utterly baseless. There is absolutely no evidence of any kind that Lloyd Webber had access to Repp's song."

On the other side of the lawsuit, Repp remarked dryly, "I don't know if I'm a good musician, but I know Andrew Lloyd Webber likes my material."

## Appointments

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pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Rochester, to co-pastor of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan.

Father Brian E. Jeffers, to Scout chaplain, concurrent with his current appointment as parochial vicar of St. Mary's, Canandaigua, effective Feb. 27, 1994.

Father Charles F. Mulligan, from parochial vicar of St. Michael's Church in Newark, to co-pastor of St. Michael's Church in Penn Yan.

Father David W. Mura, from pastor of Church of the Holy Apostles in Rochester, to pastor of Holy Apostles/St. Anthony of Padua Cluster in Rochester.