

Diocese to start administrator candidate pool

The Diocese of Rochester is looking for a few good men and women.

Specifically, the diocese is seeking to create a pool of men and women — lay people, women religious and deacons — qualified to fulfill the position of pastoral administrator in anticipation of openings to be filled during the hiring process next spring.

A pastoral administrator oversees the day-to-day operations of a parish. A non-resident priest is assigned to serve as the sacramental minister to provide the sacraments. In addition, a priest — not necessarily the same one as the sacramental minister — is also assigned to serve as priest moderator.

The diocese is creating this pool of candidates since currently three parishes are without a pastor, and five more are expected to lose their pastors to retirement in June, 1995, acknowledged Mary Kessler, diocesan director of Human Resources.

Although she noted that it was "probable" that some of these openings will be filled by pastoral administrators, Kessler explained that not all of them would be, and that the decision of whether a parish hires a pastoral administrator is made with input from the community.

Indeed, Kessler observed, any such decision is made following meetings with parish officials and parishioners of churches with current or anticipated openings. Staff, parish council members and parishioners examine the parish's needs, and what kind of leadership — pastor or pastoral administrator — could meet those needs.

After a parish has created a specific job description for a pastoral administrator, parish representatives serve on a team that interviews candidates, and takes part in making a recommendation to Bishop Matthew H. Clark about whom to hire, Kessler explained.


The process includes visits by Deacon Claude Lester, director of the Office of Pastoral Council Formation, and Barbara Pedeville, director of the Department of Personnel Services. The two provide input, support and advice to parishes searching for ministerial leaders and reflecting on their own futures.

Sister Anne Michelle McGill, SSJ, the diocese's first-ever appointed pastoral administrator, June 25 began at St. Gabriel's Church in Hammondsport. In appointing Sister McGill to the position, Rochester became the 72nd diocese or archdiocese in the United States to have a parish administered full-time by a person other than a priest.

For specific details about the position of pastoral administrator, write to: Pastoral Administrator Placement Committee, Mary Kessler, Diocese of Rochester, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624.

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Multicultural musicians



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Dr. Ricardo Ramirez (right), organist, makes eye contact with conga player Dave Antonetti during a Nov. 6 concert at Rochester's Blessed Sacrament Church, 534 Oxford St. Ramirez was the featured artist for a concert celebrating multicultural American music in varied forms such as Hispanic dance and jazz. Ramirez performed the music on the parish's newly restored 1926 Wurlitzer pipe organ.

Tier hospital unveils new look

HORNELL — The St. James Mercy Hospital building might not look any different.

Services available through St. James Mercy, however, have become so diverse that the hospital recently announced a new organizational identity.

Now known as St. James Mercy Health, the hospital is seeking to emphasize the ever-increasing number of programs it offers.

"This is a heck of a lot more than a place with beds that you go to when you get sick," remarked Paul Shepard, the hospital's president and chief executive officer. "Almost 40 percent of the work we do is outpatient work. People would go to the clinics and not even know they were St. James (Mercy) Hospital-affiliated."

Shepard also cited long-term care, a nursing school and a day-care program as other examples of how St. James Mercy Health has grown since it was founded as a community hospital in 1890 by Father James Early, former pastor of St. Ann's Church.

In addition to the hospital, located at

St. JAMES
Mercy Health

411 Canisteo St., other major Hornell-based facilities under St. James Mercy Health's auspices include the Mercycare Facility; the Aquinas Center; and DeSales Hall.

St. James Mercy Health's latest expansion occurred last month when a primary-care service was opened on 200 North Main St., Wayland. Serving at the facility are Dr. Susan Rainwater, family practitioner; and Dr. Gayle Mosher, pediatrician.

This office is one of nine member sites in St. James Mercy's Southern Tier Health Associates coalition.

Shepard indicated that additional programs will likely be offered by St. James Mercy Health in the future.

"I just see this expanding more and more," he said. "We plan to do what the community asks us to do."

— Mike Latona

Obituary

Father Ignatius Butler, OFM; was longtime Army chaplain

Father Ignatius Butler, OFM, a Rochester native and retired U.S. Army colonel, died on Friday, Oct. 7, 1994, at St. Matthew's Church in Lawrenceville, Pa., where he was pastor. He was 67 years old.

Father Butler grew up as a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 640 Brooks Ave., Rochester. He attended Aquinas Institute and was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1953 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester. Prior to his ordination, he spent two years as a Franciscan foreign missionary in India.

Father Butler taught at St. Thomas More High School in Philadelphia (1956-57); St. Francis Seminary in Loretto, Pa. (1957-64); and St. Francis College in Loretto (1964-68).

He then served for 24 years in the

U.S. Army as a chaplain, including two tours of duty in Vietnam. Upon his retirement from the military, Father Butler served in the administration of the Archdiocese for Military Affairs in Washington, D.C., until he was named pastor of St. Matthew Church in Lawrenceville in 1993.

Father Butler is survived by two sisters, Mary Jane Schultz and Jessie Ann Mott, both of Rochester; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christ the High Priest was celebrated Oct. 10 at St. Matthew Church by Father Donald W. Wuerl, bishop of the Pittsburgh diocese. Another Mass was held on Oct. 11 at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception in Loretto. Interment took place at the Franciscan Friars Cemetery in Loretto.

Two cathedral choirs to sing together Nov. 13

BUFFALO — The choirs of Buffalo's St. Joseph Cathedral and Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester will team up for the second annual "Festival of Two Cathedrals" this Sunday, Nov. 13, at 4 p.m. The concert will take place at the Buffalo cathedral, located at 50 Franklin St.

This year's event will feature "A Hymn for St. Cecilia" by Buffalo composer Roland E. Martin, a work scored for string quartet, clarinet and piano. The work had its inaugural performance last year and was critically acclaimed by Herman Trotter, music critic for *The Buffalo News*.

The two choirs will also perform separately. Directed by J. William Greene, Sacred Heart's choir will sing "Three Motets" of Sir Edward Elgar. St. Joseph's choir, under the direction of Mark W. DeLuca, will sing several anthems, including "Christus Factus Est" and other compositions by Martin.

The two choirs will also perform C.H.M. Parry's "Mass for St. Theodocia" which will be interspersed in popular hymns played on the newly restored organ made in 1926.

Admission is free, but donations will be taken at intermission. For a copy of free parking is available. For information, call 716/834-2222.

Famed liturgist slated to host parish mission

HILTON — St. Len Church, 167 Lake Ave., will host its first parish mission in 20 years Nov. 13-15 when Father John Gallen, SJ, founder of the National Academy of Liturgy and editor of *Hortona* magazine visits the parish.

Father Gallen will begin the retreat titled "Prayer: The Encounter with the God of Mystery," with an introductory talk at Masses Nov. 12-13. He will then lead talks at each retreat session, all slated to start at 7 p.m., from Nov. 13-15.

In addition to his other achievements, Father Gallen is past editor of *Modern Liturgy* magazine, founder of the Corpus Christi Center in Phoenix, Ariz., and past director of the Center for Pastoral Liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. He holds a doctorate in liturgy from the University of Trier, Germany, and is currently professor of liturgy at the Jesuit Seminary at Woodstock College.

The mission is free and open to the public. For information, call the parish office at 716/892-2728.

Local doctor to address Tobin Task II conference

Father Ignatius Butler, OFM, a Rochester native and retired U.S. Army colonel, will be invited to speak during the Tobin Task II conference Nov. 19-20 in Buffalo.

The conference will include discussion of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and issues of ethics and Mother Teresa's call for stopping abortion and bringing parish and family life.

Among the other invited speakers will be Cardinal Joseph Aloisio Ruffini, president of the Pontifical Institute for International Pastoral Theology; Cardinal Albertino Clemente, president of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of the Anziani; and Archbishop Anthony Bevilacqua, president of the National Council of Catholic Bishops.

For information, call 716/834-2222.