

Milestones

Newark pastor is retiring

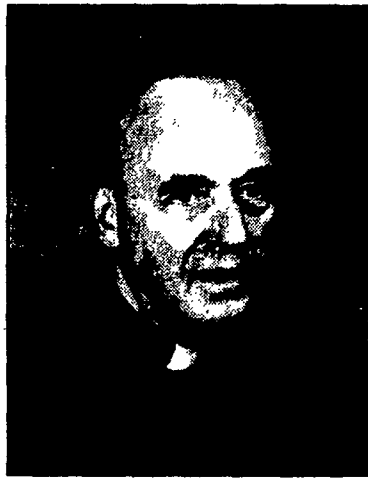
NEWARK — Father Edward E. Steinkirchner's career as a priest has taken a few twists he never quite expected.

The retiring pastor of St. Michael's Church found himself involved with youth work as the diocesan Director of Sodalties from 1951-57; serving as assistant pastor in Holy Trinity, Webster, and St. Boniface, St. Michael's and Holy Apostles, all in Rochester; pastor of a suburban parish, Holy Ghost Church in Gates, which was about to have part of its boundary sliced off to become part of two newer parishes (St. Jude's and St. Christopher's) from 1968-80; then pastor of a small-town parish, St. Michael's, for the past 15 years, while also serving as director of the Deacon Internship Program from 1971-84.

Father Steinkirchner acknowledged that through it all, he found himself learning — and enjoying himself — all the way.

"I think the thing that has been very inspiring to me is working with people of all different classes and situations," the pastor observed. "I think we can learn from ministering to people, because they give you more than you give."

Ordained a priest on June 11, 1949, Father Steinkirchner had a taste of the pre-Vatican II Church. But he was ready for the changes brought about by the Council because of his years working with sodalties — and



through traveling around the country.

"I was going to national meetings and heard what was in the offing," Father Steinkirchner said. "So I think I had an easier time than many people my age."

After retiring in June, Father Steinkirchner plans to live and help out at St. Joseph's rectory in Penfield. He also wants to find time for reading and travel, and "doing the things I was ordained to do instead of the other things I've had to do."

As for retirement, "The Lord has been good to me so far; I assume he will continue to be," he observed. "My future is a blank page."

A party for Father Steinkirchner has been planned for Sunday, June 4, at the Burgundy Basin Inn, 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford. For details, contact St. Michael's rectory at 315/331-6753.

— Lee Strong

Bishop will step down at paper

ROCHESTER — Although the word "retired" has been attached to the beginning of his title since his resignation was officially accepted in early 1990, Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey may finally get the chance to enjoy more of the activities associated with retirement when he steps down this June as the *Catholic Courier's* general manager.

Well, maybe.

"I'll still be available as a consultant," the thrice-retired bishop said with a smile, referring to the "official" end of his decade of involvement with this diocesan newspaper. "But I would like to take more time to read a little more ... And I plan on traveling."

Since Bishop Matthew H. Clark appointed him the *Courier's* general manager in 1985, Bishop Hickey has tirelessly served as a leading ambassador for the paper and the Catholic press. During that time he continued to serve the diocese pastorally in such ways as participating in consultative discussions, presiding at confirmations, and representing the diocese at various cultural and civic functions.

Karen M. Franz, who currently serves as the *Courier's* editor in chief and assistant general manager, will succeed



Bishop Hickey when he steps down this June.

Born in Dansville on Oct. 14, 1914, to the late Walter W. and Aloysia (Sullivan) Hickey, he attended St. Patrick's School, Dansville; Dansville Central High School; Colgate University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in history and government; and St. Bernard's Seminary.

Bishop Hickey was ordained June 7, 1941, by the late Bishop James E. Kearney at Sacred Heart Cathedral, and was first assigned as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Auburn, from June,

1941, to November, 1946. He served as secretary in the diocesan Tribunal from November, 1946, to June 1961, at which time he was named pastor of St. Theodore's Church in the Rochester suburb of Gates.

In 1952, Pope Pius XII designated him papal chamberlain with the title very reverend monsignor. He was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate with the title right reverend monsignor in June, 1959, by Pope John XXIII.

The late Bishop Fulton J. Sheen appointed him vicar general of the diocese in 1967. Bishop Hickey was consecrated auxiliary bishop of Rochester and titular bishop of Rusuccuru (an ancient diocese of northern Africa), on March 14, 1968.

Pope John Paul II accepted the auxiliary bishop's resignation in early 1990. Bishop Hickey submitted his resignation upon his 75th birthday in October, 1989, in compliance with Canons 401 and 411 of church law, which call for bishops to resign at age 75.

The resignations were announced Jan. 16, 1990 by Monsignor Rino Passigato, charge d'affaires at the apostolic nunciature in Washington.

— Staff report

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Uncle Dennis, "RETIREE"????

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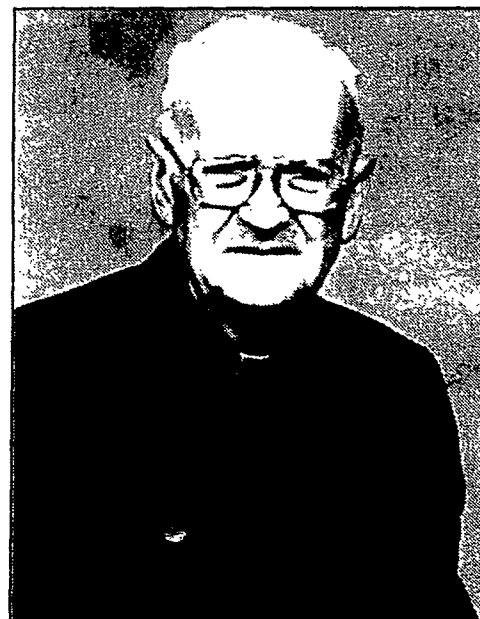


Bishop Hickey and his grand-niece Allison Caldwell in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, January 1995.

Love,
Pat, Mary, Nick & Alison

Bishop Hickey...

Your travels along the rails of life
have brought much excitement
and many adventures.
We thank God for allowing
the *Catholic Courier*
to be one of your stops!



The Staff of the *Catholic Courier*
offers continued best wishes
on your retirement as our
faithful General Manager!