

Pastor

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parish's parking lot.

Father Callan maintained that church staff members would testify Murray was free to go at any time that night.

According to Regan, however, Murray was scared and outnumbered by those at the public meeting and Corpus staff members. Regan added that Murray is a "frail" elderly man in his late 60s, and that he took Father Callan's words to mean that he was not free to leave.

Murray had filed a report with the Rochester City Police, Regan said, but nothing had ever come of the matter.

Although no date for the trial had been set as of April 25, Father Callan said that he expected to go to court sometime in the next few weeks.

When asked about how he thought he would fare in court, Father Callan said "it's in God's hands."

"My feeling is that God will use this to send a signal to the wider community that the church is open to gay people," Father Callan concluded.

Priest boycotts convocation

AUBURN — Father James B. Callan, pastor of Rochester's Corpus Christi Church, boycotted the diocese's annual Priests' Convocation this week because he claims it discriminates against women.



Fr. Callan

The annual convocation, which took place from April 24-26 at Auburn's Holiday Inn, features a series of talks, workshops and services designed to help priests in their ministry. All active diocesan priests are required to attend the event unless they are excused because of special circumstances.

In an April 20 letter Father Callan mailed to all diocesan priests, the pastor complained that Sister Anne Michelle McGill, SSJ, pastoral administrator of St. Gabriel's Church in Hammondsport, and Mary Ramerman, pastoral associate of Corpus Christi, had been declined their requests to go to the convocation.

"Even though these women do the work of a priest and share the responsibilities of a priest, they are banned from the major event that is vital to priests," Father Callan wrote.

He added that he would not attend any future convocations until female pastoral administrators, pastoral associates or chaplains were admitted.

When contacted for comment on the letter, Sister McGill said that she had not asked to be invited to this year's convocation. She had, however, discussed the convocation with priests she knew. Sister McGill added that she recalled telling the priests that it is not clear to her what the purpose of the convocation is.

In a statement issued on Tuesday, April 25, Father John M. Mulligan, the diocese's vicar general, said that the issues mentioned in Father Callan's letter were also raised at the April 4 meeting of the Priests' Council.

"The Council intends to continue the discussion over the next year," Father Mulligan said in the statement.

Bishop approves recent pastoral appointments

The following is a quarterly update of pastoral appointments (Dec. 3, 1994 to April 15, 1995) approved by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Pastors/Administrators

Father Robert C. Bradler, from pastor of St. James Church in Rochester, to pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Irondequoit, effective June 27, 1995.

Father Peter C. Clifford, from director of diocesan Parish Support Ministries Area, to pastor of St. Michael Church in Newark, effective June 27, 1995.

Father Lawrence A. Gross, from sacramental minister of Guardian Angels Church in Henrietta, to pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Church in Honeoye Falls, effective June 27, 1995.

Father Dr. Joseph A. Hart, to pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Rochester, concurrent with his present responsibilities at St. Bernard's Institute, effective June 27, 1995.

Father John H. Hayes, from parochial vicar of Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community, to priest adminis-

trator of Church of the Holy Cross in Dryden-Freeville, effective May 8, 1995.

Father Melvin H. Walczak, from priest administrator of St. Vincent dePaul Church in Churchville, to priest administrator of St. Ambrose Church in Rochester, effective June 27, 1995.

Temporary Administrators/Priest coverage

Father Sean Garrity, CSB, from parochial vicar of St. Joseph Church in Penfield, to temporary administrator of Church of the Annunciation in Rochester, effective March 19 through June 27, 1995, during the sabbatical of **Father Robert O'Neill**.

Deacon John J. Prave, to temporary administrator, concurrent with present responsibilities as deacon of Cayuga Team Ministry Cluster, effective March 12, 1995.

Sister Jacquelyn Reichart, RSM, from religious educator, to temporary administrator of Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Rochester, effective Dec. 1994.

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