

Milestones

Father J. Brennan will retire

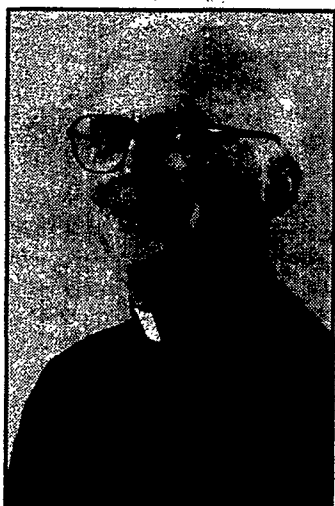
Even in retirement, Father Joseph P. Brennan expects the teaching bug to bite him quite often.

Father Brennan is retiring from his duties as director of University Religious Affairs at the University of Rochester, where he has served for the past 10 years. He has also been a professor of religious studies throughout his stay at the college, and plans to continue teaching one course per semester after his official retirement.

"That's my first love, and I have been very grateful to have that opportunity to teach at the University of Rochester," Father Brennan commented.

Father Brennan, who turns 67 next month, is a Rochester native who grew up in Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish. He was ordained in Rome in 1954, and received a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University there one year later. In 1957 he earned another licentiate, in sacred Scripture, from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome.

Upon his return to the Rochester Diocese, Father Brennan briefly served as assistant pastor at St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester in the late 1950s before begin-



ning a lengthy tenure at the former St. Bernard's Seminary.

During his early years at St. Bernard's, Father Brennan taught Scripture studies to seminarians. He also instructed novices at the Sisters of St. Joseph during this period. In 1966 Father Brennan was appointed by Bishop James E. Kearney as rector and chief executive officer of the seminary. He held the rector's post for 11 years before resigning in 1977.

Following a sabbatical in England, he returned to St. Bernard's for a brief teaching stint. He then served from 1980 to 1983 as dean and fellow of St. Edmund's House, a

graduate college of the University of Cambridge, England, where he had spent his sabbatical.

Father Brennan was pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Scottsville from 1983 to 1986 before moving on to his current position at the University of Rochester. As director of religious affairs, he has coordinated religious activities for UR students of various faith backgrounds. In addition, Father Brennan has represented the Rochester Diocese on the Commission on Christian-Jewish Relations.

Though he is best known for his educational and intellectual endeavors — he's a master of eight languages — Father Brennan has also served faithfully over the years as weekend assistant at several parishes. He currently assists at St. Mary's Church in Rochester and has performed similar ministry at Christ the King Church in Irondequoit, St. Leo's Church in Hilton, Church of the Epiphany in Sodus and the former Holy Redeemer Church in Rochester.

A concert and reception in Father Brennan's honor will be held Monday, April 29, at the UR's Interfaith Center. The 7:30 p.m. event is free and open to the public.

— Mike Latona

Retiring pastor has had many ministries

Hospital chaplain, missionary, prison chaplain, pastor.

Needless to say, Father Daniel P. Tormey has compiled a diversified list of accomplishments in his 41 years as a diocesan priest.

His last seven years have been spent as pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Scottsville. Father Tormey will end his ministry in that parish with his official retirement in June.

However, Father Tormey noted, "retirement" is not his first choice of words to describe the event.

"I just call it getting prepared for the next phase of my life," he remarked.

Father Tormey, 66, is a Rochester native who grew up in Holy Rosary Parish. He was ordained in 1955 by Bishop James E. Kearney, and began his priesthood as assistant pastor at Geneva's St. Francis de Sales Church from 1955 to 1961. He served in similar capacities at Auburn's St. Francis of Assisi Church (1961-62) and Greece's St. John the Evangelist Church (1962-67).

In 1967 he became chaplain at Rochester General Hospital, where he remained until 1972. During that time he was also chaplain of the hospital ship *SS Hope* in the summer of 1971. He then served as part of a diocesan mission team in San Jose Obrero, La Paz, Bolivia, from 1972 to 1974.

Following his return to the United States, Father Tormey served in the diocesan Office of Human Development from 1974 to 1976 and as chaplain at the New York State Correctional and Reception Center at Elmira from 1976 to 1979.

In 1980 he became the



Catholic chaplain at Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital. Two years later he was named the hospital's director of chaplaincy services, a position he held until 1987.

After serving as rector of Becket Hall from 1987 to 1989, Father Tormey resumed full-time parish duty for the first time in 22 years by becoming pastor of St. Mary's, Scottsville.

Father Tormey has held a number of administrative positions during his ministry. He was diocesan director of Ministry to Priests from 1987 to 1995, and is a former member of the Priests Personnel Board and diocesan Priests' Council.

He also served on the board of directors for the National Association of Catholic Hospital Chaplains. In 1987 he was presented with the Edward Mott Moore Award, for outstanding service to the medical profession, by the Medical Society of the County of Monroe.

Upon his departure from St. Mary's, Father Tormey will relocate to a private residence in Canandaigua. He said he plans on "helping out in various parishes" in the upcoming months and years.

— Mike Latona

Father E. Halloran to leave Macedon

When Father Emmett J. Halloran retires from St. Patrick's Church in Macedon at the end of June, he will take some pleasant memories with him.

Members of this Wayne County parish, Father Halloran commented, are "wonderful, warm people — very much interested in serving the people in this area."

Father Halloran, 70, is retiring after spending eight years as pastor of St. Patrick's. In all, his 46-year tenure as a diocesan priest has included 32 years in parish work and 14 in education.

A Rochester native, Father Halloran grew up in Blessed Sacrament Parish. Following his 1950 ordination by Bishop James E. Kearney, he served as assistant pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Seneca Falls (1950-51) and St. Michael's Church in Newark (1951-56).

In 1956, Father Halloran began an 11-year stint as a faculty member at the former St. Andrew's Minor Seminary, teaching history and English. He then served as rector of the former Kings Preparatory College from 1967 until it closed in 1970. (Both institutions were located in what is now the diocesan Pastoral Center in Gates.) Father Halloran noted that he enjoys reminiscing about the seminary days with former students who are now diocesan priests.

Father Halloran's past 26 years have been marked by three pastorates: at St. Columba's Church in Caledonia (1970-78); St. Charles Borromeo Church in Greece (1978-88); and St. Patrick's in Macedon beginning

in 1988. He also served as the diocesan Southwest Region coordinator (1975-78).

Father Halloran will reside at St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua beginning this




summer. He plans to be a visible figure in the Ontario County parish, helping out as needed.

"I'm looking forward to it," he said.

A retirement celebration for Father Halloran will take place at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, June 23. The event will include a noon Mass, followed immediately by an informal three-hour reception in the church hall.

— Mike Latona



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