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### APPOINTMENTS

The Diocese of Rochester has announced several recent appointments.

Sister Kathryn Wahl, RSM, has been named temporary pastoral administrator of Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Greece, effective July 16. Sister Wahl had been the parish's religious education coordinator.

Father William Lum, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Parish since 1991, has resigned as pastor and will take a temporary leave of absence from ministry, effective July 17.

Virginia Leo Miller of Penfield was named associate director of liturgy. Acting associate director since last fall, she fills the position vacated by Jura Litchfield, effective June 30.

Miller was director of music and liturgy at St. Louis Church, Pittsford, 1986-94 and at St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, 1981-85, and director of music at St. Bernard's Seminary, 1978-81 and Holy Redeemer Church, 1970-79.

She received a master of music degree from Eastman School of Music and a bachelor's degree in music education from Nazareth College. She is currently a candidate for a master of theology degree from St. Bernard's Institute, where she serves as a consultant for liturgical music.

Father Louis Sirianni, former associate judicial vicar, was named judicial vicar, effective June 25. He replaces Father William Laird, who is now full-time priest administrator for St. Vincent DePaul Church, Churchville, and a consultant to the tribunal.

Father Sirianni worked part-time as a judge for the tribunal while assisting at St. Boniface Church, Rochester. He completed his JCL degree at St. Paul University, Ottawa, in 1995. He also has served several diocesan churches.

Patricia Keough, former educator and health administrator, became case instructor for the tribunal in May. She is responsible for case intake, interviewing and assisting with case preparation. She is a member of St. Anne's Church, Rochester.

Deacon George Burnett, who has served at St. Patrick Church, Owego, since 1986, was named a part-time case instructor for the tribunal, effective July 1. He has ministered in Indian Town, Fla., to a congregation mainly of Guatemalans.

Keough and Burnett recently completed training at Catholic University of America.

Patrice A. Beadle of Holley was named diocesan director of human resources, effective July 18. She has been director of human resources for Genesee Memorial Hospital, Batavia, since 1989. She also worked in human resources at Buffalo General Hospital and National Ambulance in Rochester. She holds bachelor's and master's of business administration degrees from the University of Buffalo School of Management.

Beadle will oversee recruitment and placement for all diocesan, priest, deacon, pastoral center and chaplaincy personnel, and provide benefit administration for school and parish personnel. She also will develop and administer compensation and benefit programs, and other programs, for all parish, diocesan and school employees.

She teaches religious education and is a eucharistic minister and reader at St. Mary's Parish, Holley, in the Diocese of Buffalo. She replaces Mary Kessler, who moved to California.

## Priest accepts position at Louvain

By Rob Cullivan  
Staff writer

Father Daniel P. Tormey has been named spiritual director of the American College at the University of Louvain in Belgium. He retired July 1 from his pastorate at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Scottsville.

Father Tormey, who resides in Canandaigua, will assume his new duties in early September.

Father Tormey told the *Catholic Courier* that he had not planned on a quiet retirement, and looks forward to his new position.

"I was open to whatever happened in the next phase of my life, and this is what it turned out to be," Father Tormey said.

The priest said he was recommended for the position by Father Frank E. Lioi, pastor of St. Anne's Parish in Rochester, and a former staff member of American College.

As spiritual director, Father Tormey will oversee such activities as retreats and days of recollection for the U.S. seminarians at



Father Daniel P. Tormey

the college, located at the oldest Catholic university in Europe. He said he will likely work in his position for at least two years.

According to a press statement from the Diocese of Rochester, U.S. bishops send seminarians to the American College to prepare them for the priesthood. Gradu-

ate students in theology and canon law also study there.

Currently, Patrick Van Durme of St. Mary's Parish in Dansville is attending the college. In the fall, Joseph Marcoux of Rochester's St. James Parish will begin study there, according to the statement.

Ordained in 1955, Father Tormey has led a rich and varied life as a priest. In addition to serving as pastor of St. Mary's for seven years, Father Tormey has served as assistant pastor at the parishes of St. Francis DeSales in Geneva, St. Francis of Assisi in Auburn and St. John the Evangelist in Greece.

He has also served as director of chaplaincy services at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, and as chaplain at Rochester General Hospital, on the hospital ship S.S. Hope, and at the New York State Correctional and Reception Center in Elmira.

Father Tormey has also served as a missionary in Bolivia, as rector of Becket Hall in Rochester, as director of diocesan ministry to priests, and in the Diocesan Office of Human Development.

## Obituary

### Sr. Marie Therese Warth; taught 50 years

Sister Marie Therese Warth, SSJ, a diocesan teacher for 50 years, died at St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, Pittsford, June 26, 1996. She was 89.

A native of Rochester, Sister Marie Therese entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1922. She graduated from Nazareth Academy, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Nazareth College. She also earned a bachelor's degree with a major in Spanish from the University of Rochester in the Graduate School of Education and

Human Development. In 1967 she studied at the La Universidad Internacional in Santander, Spain.

Sister Marie Therese's love of teaching led her to many schools: St. Monica, 1926-40; Sacred Heart, 1940-43; Immaculate Conception, 1943-46; Aquinas Institute, 1946-53; and Nazareth Academy, 1953-75.

From 1975 to 1980 she tutored students in English as a second language at School 5 and taught bilingual classes at Assisi House. She retired to the infirmary in

1981.

Sister Marie Therese is survived by cousins and by her sisters in the Congregation of St. Joseph.

Msgr. William Shannon celebrated her funeral liturgy in the Motherhouse Chapel June 28. Other priests present included Msgr. Emmett Murphy, Msgr. Joseph Sullivan, and Fathers Joseph Donovan, John Hayes, Donald Curtiss, Albert Gaelens, CSB, Thomas Miller, CSB, William Marceau, CSB, and Richard Brickler.

## Diocese to aid burned churches

Diocesan parishes are being asked to take up a collection July 13-14 to help relieve faith communities that were targets of suspicious fires and arsons across the country.

Father John M. Mulligan, pastoral office moderator, has asked diocesan parishes to consider taking up the collections. They are to coincide with similar relief collections around the country.

"All people of faith, regardless of spiritual background, are being attacked by the recent rash of the burning of churches in our country," Father Mulligan said in a July 2 letter to pastoral leaders. "The fact that the vast majority are churches of African-American or mixed race congregations is to all Americans' shame."

At least 40 black or racially mixed congregations and several white congregations have been hit by church fires since

January 1995, according to various news accounts.

Father Mulligan suggested that the diocesan churches include petitions in the "Prayers of the Faithful" for a resolution to the trouble.

"If it is possible in your parish neighborhood," he also suggested, "you might arrange a time of listening and dialogue with a near-by African-American Church community thereby witnessing our Synod values of open, honest dialogue, valuing diversity and engaging in ecumenical and interfaith interaction."

Monies collected are to be sent to: The NCC (National Council of Churches) Burned Churches Fund NYT, 475 Riverside Drive/Room 880-A, New York, NY 10115.

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