

DIOCESAN NEWS

Priest leaves chaplaincy to fill pastorate

Father Richard Farrell was appointed the pastor at St. Mary's Church in Elmira, effective Jan. 1.

Father Farrell replaces Father William Donnelly, who is on sabbatical. According to Father Robert Ring, diocesan director of priest personnel, Father Donnelly will be assigned to another parish when he returns from his sabbatical at the end of June.

Father Donnelly had been St. Mary's pastor since July 1992.

Father Farrell had served as full-time chaplain at St. Joseph's Hospital in Elmira since June 1987. For the past eight years, he was also sacramental assistant at Elmira's Arnot Ogden Medical Center.

Father Farrell balanced his hospital work with several other ministries. He was the weekend assistant at Elmira's Eastside Catholic Parish for the past seven years, as well as sacramental moderator at the Elmira and Southport correctional facilities since November 1995.

Father Ring said the diocese is attempting to fill Father Farrell's vacancy at St. Joseph's and Arnot Ogden, but there will be no replacement at Eastside Catholic Parish. Father Ring added that he is unsure whether the new hospital chaplain would be full- or part-time.

At this point, Father Farrell continues to minister at Southport Correctional Facility. He said that sacramental ministry at both the Southport and Elmira prisons would possibly be assumed by his replacement at St. Joseph's and Arnot Ogden hospitals.

Father Farrell was ordained in 1984. He served from 1984 to 1987 as parochial vicar at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Rochester. The new assignment at St. Mary's Church marks Father Farrell's first pastorate.

"It's a big challenge. There are a heck of a lot of families, about 2,000," Father Farrell remarked.

However, Father Farrell said that the transition has been fairly smooth because he already knows several St. Mary's parishioners from his hospital ministry.

Father Farrell added that he is looking forward to planning St. Mary's 125th-anniversary observance in 1998.

—Mike Latona



Matthew Scott/Staff photographer

Lunching with legislators

Bishop Matthew Clark helps to clarify the Catholic stance on such issues as the death penalty, partial-birth abortion, physician-assisted suicide and welfare reform at a luncheon at St. Louis Church, Pittsford, as Elizabeth Ciaccio Vogt (center) and Assemblyman Joseph Robach (right) listen. The luncheon was attended by New York state legislators and representatives of the diocese.

Christmas Appeal enjoys 15 percent donation rise

In a reversal of a trend that saw donations drop approximately \$26,000 in four years, the 1996 Catholic Courier/Catholic Charities Christmas Appeal enjoyed a 15 percent increase in donations as compared with 1995.

As of Jan. 9, 1997, the annual appeal had received \$52,248.88 in contributions from 1,037 donors. In contrast, the 1995 appeal realized \$45,395 from some 818 contributors.

Money from the appeal funds emergency service programs operated by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester. Those funds to aid people not eligible for other sources of help, or who cannot wait for money from those other sources to begin arriving.

"I would like to extend my personal thanks to all who gave so generously to the Christmas Appeal," observed Jack Balinsky, Catholic Charities' director. "Please know that you have the sincere gratitude of those who turn to the Catholic community in an hour of need."

The 1996 campaign saw more involvement of Courier staff in the actual operation of the appeal. Among its activities, a committee designed a new logo and organized a successful dinner theater featuring the Aquinas Follies.

Obituaries

Bro. Brady; oldest Cap. Franciscan lay brother

Brother Daniel Brady, OFM Cap, 91, died of respiratory complications Dec. 11, 1996, at St. Anthony Hospital in Warwick, N.Y. Among the friaries he served was St. Fidelis Friary in Interlaken, N.Y., 1978-1987.

Brother Daniel was the oldest Capuchin Franciscan lay brother of the New York-New England Province of St. Mary. Born in County Cavan, Ireland, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in

1940 at St. Bonaventure Novitiate, Detroit, Mich. He pronounced his perpetual vows in 1944 at Mary Immaculate Friary, Garrison, N.Y.

He spent his entire active religious life as a cook for the Capuchin Franciscans, in numerous friaries from Connecticut to Wisconsin. He also served as instructor and mentor to newly professed Capuchin Franciscan lay brothers.

Since April 1994 he resided at Mount

Alverno Center, Warwick. A funeral Mass was offered Dec. 14 at Sacred Heart Church, Yonkers, N.Y. Burial was at Sacred Heart/St. Clare Friaries, Yonkers.

Donations in his memory may be sent to the Br. Daniel Brady Memorial Scholarship Burse, 210 West 31st St., New York, N.Y. 10001-2876. Proceeds will benefit the education and training of future Capuchin Franciscan friars in the Province of St. Mary.

Louise K. Aman; was active member at St. Rita's in Webster

Louise K. Aman, a longtime parishioner of St. Rita's Church in Webster, died Nov. 26, 1996. She was 81.

Mrs. Aman was a member of many groups at St. Rita's. These organizations included senior chorus; bell choir; church choir; poetry group; Bible study; St. Rita's Society; Coat of Many Colors Min-

istry; and Charismatic Renewal. In addition, Mrs. Aman taught religious education and was a eucharistic minister and lector at the parish. She was also a past president of the Webster Council of Churches.

Mrs. Aman was predeceased by her husband, Joseph. She is survived by her

children, Joseph, Ann, James, Christopher and Monica Etienne Aman, and Mary Kollar; brothers, Frank, Carl and Edward Kaiser; 16 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Aman's funeral Mass was held at St. Rita's Church. Interment was at West Webster Cemetery.

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