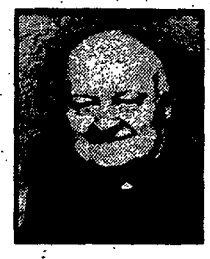


Milestones

Quintet celebrates 300 years of priesthood



Father Val A. Jankowiak was born in Morris Run, Pa., and ordained in Posen, Poland, where he studied.

His first parish assignment was at St. Stanislaus, Rochester, where he was assistant pastor from 1938 to 1942. He was then assistant pastor at St. Francis de Sales, Geneva (1942-48 and 1954-55); St. Casimir, Elmira (1948-54); and St. Cecilia's, Irondequoit (1955-59).

In 1959, Father Jankowiak began a 15-year stint as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Church in Apalachin, Tioga County. There, he oversaw construction of a new church to accommodate the increase of parishioners who worked at nearby corporations. The building was dedicated in 1967.

"They were very wholesome young people, fresh out of college with the world to gain," Father Jankowiak recalled.

Father Jankowiak moved to St. Cecilia's Church in Elmira in 1974, where he spent seven years as pastor before returning to St. Stanislaus in 1981. He has lived in retirement there ever since, and remains quite visible to the parish community.

"I still say daily Mass, hear confessions and take a turn preaching," Father Jankowiak noted.

Father Jankowiak's strong grasp of the Polish language has been useful in his assignments at both St. Stanislaus and St. Casimir in Elmira, two of the most traditionally Polish parishes in the diocese.

"I preached for 10 or 12 years in Polish," he remarked.

A jubilee reception for Father Jankowiak will be held Sunday, June 14, in the St. Stanislaus parish hall.



Msgr. J. Emmett Murphy was born in Rochester and grew up in Blessed Sacrament Parish. He was ordained at North American College in Rome.

Early in his priesthood, Msgr. Murphy served as assistant pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Auburn and St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva. But in 1941, he quickly enlisted in the U.S. Army following Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor.

"I volunteered the day after," recalled Msgr. Murphy, who turned 85 on April 17. Most of Msgr. Murphy's four-year military stint was spent with the Persian Gulf Command in Teheran, Iran.

When he returned to the Rochester Diocese, Msgr. Murphy taught moral theology and canon law at St. Bernard's Seminary from 1946 to 1961. In 1956, Pope Pius XII raised him to the rank of papal

chamberlain, with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor.

While at St. Bernard's, Msgr. Murphy also served as prefect of discipline. He attested that yes, even future priests were in need of disciplining from time to time.

"Human beings are human beings," he remarked.

In 1961 Msgr. Murphy assumed his only pastorate, at Holy Apostles Church in Rochester, where he would spend the next 22 years. It was his first parish assignment in nearly two decades.

"I had asked for it. I had always wanted to be in a parish," he said.

Msgr. Murphy retired to Rochester's Holy Rosary Church in 1983, and remained active by teaching classes at Holy Rosary School. He moved to his current residence, the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, five years ago.

The newspaper business is a very familiar one to **Msgr. Joseph J. Sullivan**:

He spent eight years as Vatican correspondent in Rome for the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service.

Msgr. Sullivan, 86, was born in Rochester and grew up in St. Monica's Parish. Following ordination, he served as assistant pastor at St. Michael's Church, Penn Yan (1938-40) and Sacred Heart Pro-Cathedral, Rochester (1940-43) before logging four years as chaplain in the U.S. Army Air Force.

Msgr. Sullivan noted that he had studied journalism at Catholic University of America prior to ordination, for he was being groomed by Bishop James E. Kearney to write for the *Catholic Courier*. Instead, his experience led him to become a full-time correspondent in Rome for the Catholic press beginning in 1947.

During that period, in 1953, he was raised to the rank of papal chamberlain, with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor, by Pope Pius XII.

"I was able to thank Pope Pius XII personally for letting me be a monsignor," Msgr. Sullivan recalled.

Despite his occasional access to the Catholic Church's highest powers, Msgr. Sullivan was happy to return to the Rochester Diocese in 1955.

"I didn't set out on the glory road. I wanted to be a parish priest," he stated.

He was pastor at Holy Cross, Ovid (1955-58); St. Michael's, Penn Yan (1958-68); and Holy Family, Auburn (1968-83). Following his 1983 retirement, Father Sullivan lived in a private residence in Seneca Falls and also served as chaplain during that time at Mercy Rehabilitation Center in Auburn. He moved to his current residence at the St. Joseph Convent Infirmary in 1990.



Father Francis H. Vogt was born in Rochester and grew up in Holy Redeemer Parish.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Anthony's Church in Elmira (1938-42) and Holy Family Church, Rochester (1942). He then spent four years as a chaplain with the U.S. Army Infantry, spending most of his duty in eastern Europe.

When he returned from World War II, Father Vogt was an assistant pastor at St. Francis of Assisi, Rochester (1946-49) and St. Salome's, Irondequoit (1949-53).

Father Vogt's lengthiest stay was at St. Bridget's Church in Rochester, 1953-77. He arrived as an assistant pastor, and became pastor in 1961. During that time, he almost became a priest without a parish when Bishop Fulton J. Sheen attempted to give St. Bridget's away to the federal government in 1968. The offer was withdrawn in the face of protests.

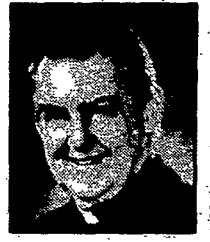
Father Vogt remarked that he was quite pleased when St. Bridget's managed to relocate to the former St. Theresa's Church last year - rather than attempt making costly repairs to the original structure.

"They were lucky to get the place. They could have never have repaired (the old St. Bridget's)," said Father Vogt, who will turn 86 on June 4.

Father Vogt became administrator of St. Anne's Church in Palmyra in 1977 and was named pastor later that year. He retired in 1982.

Father Vogt continues to reside in Palmyra and assist at St. Anne's Church. He also assists at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Canandaigua.

Msgr. Leslie G. Whalen was born in



Rochester and grew up in St. Andrew's Parish.

He served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Auburn (1938-41) and St. Peter and Paul, Elmira (1941-43) before entering the U.S. Navy as a chaplain in 1943.

During an interview conducted April 1, Msgr. Whalen recalled a unique April Fool's story from his military days on the isle of Maui.

"Fifty-two years ago today, I was sitting on a hill looking at the Pacific when the tidal wave hit," said Msgr. Whalen, 85. He remarked that he and several others almost didn't make it up the hill - because when they were told a tidal wave was approaching, they thought it was an April Fool's joke.

When he returned to the Rochester Diocese, Msgr. Whalen was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Rochester (1946-58) and also served as diocesan vice-chancellor (1950-58).

He left both positions to become pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brighton from 1958 to 1980. He directed construction of a new church building there in the early 1960s.

"That was probably the high point of my time out there," Msgr. Whalen said.

Another memorable event occurred in 1959 when Msgr. Whalen was elevated to the rank of domestic prelate, with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor, by Pope John XXIII.

Msgr. Whalen retired in 1980. He has spent his retirement years at Our Lady of Lourdes and in Florida; he currently resides at St. Ann's Home.

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