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DIOCESAN NEWS Corpus' Father Cadena resigns transition team

By Kathleen Schwar Staff writer

ROCHESTER – Weekend Masses at Corpus Christ Church Sept. 26-27 were calm, in marked contrast with an exuberant, spontaneous rally Sept. 24 due to the reappearance of the former administrator, Father James B. Callan.

Father Enrique Cadena, associate pastor, had announced at the Sept. 24 Mass that he had resigned that day from the transition leadership team.

"I still feel we are short in ... dialoguing," he said. "I very much felt trapped between the love of all of you and our values, and also the love for the diocese and trying to find a way to communicate."

Meanwhile, the parish is seeking an outside mediator, parishioners were told at Masses Sept. 27, as well as a visit by Bishop Matthew H. Clark.

Father Joseph A. Hart, moderator of the pastoral center, said Sept. 28, "(Bishop Clark) has said he would be more than willing to visit the parish. But certainly he is not willing to go to a rally. But the fact that the weekend liturgies were all very prayerful and peaceful, says the time of his visit perhaps is sooner rather than later."

Meanwhile, the diocesan priest personnel board had made its recommendations for a replacement administrator at Corpus Christi, Father Hart said. But, he added, Bishop Clark had yet to meet with the candidate(s).

Bishop Clark reassigned Father Callan temporarily to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Elmira, Sept. 11. TV cameras captured the priest's return Sept. 24, amid whistles, applause and shouting from the approximate 400 parishioners present. The priest, administrator at the church for 22 years, walked through the crowd, shaking hands. He joined and raised hands with Father Cadena, and then with Father Cadena and Mary Ramerman, pastoral associate, to resounding cheers.

Father Callan did not speak publicly at the Mass, but said later he'd come to show his support for his former associate pastor.

"The cameras weren't for me; they were for Enrique," he said.

Father Hart commented that, "Father Callan has been asked to cooperate in the transition period in being absent from the community and its liturgical functions. His presence does not help the settling of the community."

Father Callan was removed from the parish for issues regarding women's roles, inviting non-Catholics to receive Communion and conducting same-sex union ceremonies. In a Sept. 28 interview with the *Catholic Courier*, however, the priest claimed that within days of his removal from Corpus Christi, a priest in the diocese conducted a same-sex union ceremony in church. He also said he recently went to a Mass where a priest invited non-Catholics to Communion and to a Mass where the priest shared eucharistic prayers with a nun. He declined to name the parishes and priests involved.

"These are the exact issues I got removed for," Father Callan said. "It would be nice if (the priests involved) came forward themselves and would say, 'Jim you are not in this by yourself. We believe in the same things you do.'"

In response, Father Hart commented, "Every time we've known those abuses to occur, we have in the past and would in the future move to correct it."

Obituary Father C. Richard Nangle; longtime pastor in Marion

Father C. Richard Nangle, the former pastor of St. Gregory's Church in Marion and retired since 1986, died Sept. 24, 1998, at Auburn Memorial Hospital. He was 82.



ly pastorate, occurred at St. Gregory's Church in Marion, where he served from 1967 to 1981.

"He always liked it there. He liked the people and the parish very much," said Father Joseph Gaynor, a longtime friend who was in Father Nangle's ordination class and also grew up in Auburn's St. Alphonsus Parish with him.

However, Father Gaynor noted, Father Nangle left his pastorate due to growing complications from Parkinson's disease.

"While he was well, he was very energetic. But he couldn't do anything much after awhile," Father Gaynor remarked.

Father Nangle returned to Auburn in 1981 and was assistant pastor at Sacréd Heart/St. Ann's parishes in Auburn and Owasco until he retired in 1980. He resided at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Auburn during most of his retirement. He returned to his home parish, St. Alphonsus, this past June, and lived there until his death. Father Nangle's Mass of Christ the High Priest was celebrated Sept. 27, with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey presiding. His funeral Mass was celebrated Sept. 28 by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Both liturgies took place at St. Alphonsus Church. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Fleming. Father Nangle is survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations in Father Nangle's memory may be sent to the United Parkinson Foundation, 833 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607; or to St. Joseph's Elementary School, 101 E. Genesee St., Auburn, N.Y. 13021.

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sions and retreats in the Rochester area. Father Nangle became principal of Geneva DeSales High School in 1955. He returned to parish ministry as assistant pastor at Holy Family Church in Auburn (1957-61), St. Louis in Pittsford (1961-66) and St. Augustine in Rochester (1966-67). Father Nangle's longest tenure, and on-

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