

FEATURE

Eleven priests to celebrate 25th anniversary

Eleven priests are celebrating the silver anniversary of their ordinations this year.

Father Ronald A. Antinarelli has served at Holy Spirit Church, Penfield, as parochial vicar since 1987.

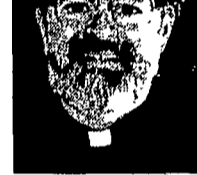


"There are very nice people here," Father Antinarelli said. Father Antinarelli's home parish is St. Cecilia Parish in Irondequoit. He was ordained by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey on April 20, 1974, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Rochester.

Father Antinarelli has assisted at six parishes during his priesthood. His first assignment was at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva (1974-77) followed by Holy Family, Auburn (1977-80); St. Philip Neri, Rochester (1980-82); St. Ann's, Hornell (1982-87); Immaculate Conception, Ithaca (1987); and Holy Spirit.

In 1996, Father Antinarelli was named a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. This papal order is dedicated to the preservation of Jesus' tomb.

Father Francis E. Blighton has been parochial vicar at Greece's St. Charles Borromeo Church since 1991.



In 1992 he founded the Borromeo Prayer Center, located on the St. Charles campus where he serves as director.

Father Blighton said he is touched by the "goodness and generosity and capacity" of those who attend center programs.

Father Blighton's home parish is St. Boniface in Rochester. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan ordained him on March 29, 1974, at Holy Redeemer Church in Rochester.

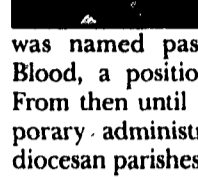
He assisted at St. Salome's, Irondequoit from 1974 to 1977, and helped to establish the diocesan Engaged Encounter program during that time. He assisted at St. Stephen's Church in Geneva, and was also chaplain at Hobart and William Smith Colleges, from 1977 to 1980.

Father Blighton then assisted at St. John the Evangelist in Spencerport (1980-81), St. Mary Our Mother in Horseheads (1981-85) and Blessed Sacrament in Rochester (1985-90). In 1984, he received certification in spiritual direction from the Center for Religious Development in Cambridge, Mass.

Father David Bonin is pastor of Schuyler Catholic Community, which consists of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Watkins Glen and St. Benedict's, Odessa.

Father Bonin's home parish is St. Helen's in Gates where he was ordained on April 27, 1974, by Auxiliary Bishop

Dennis W. Hickey. His first assignment was as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Niles, Ohio, where he stayed until 1978, when he was made associate pastor of Most Precious Blood Church in Rochester.



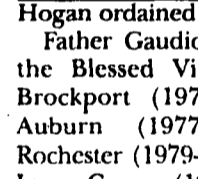
In 1980, Father Bonin was named pastor of Most Precious Blood, a position he held until 1986. From then until 1989, he served as temporary administrator at a number of diocesan parishes, filling in for priests on sabbaticals. He then took up his current position.

In addition to his parish work, Father Bonin has served on the Diocesan Priests' Council and as spiritual director of the Cursillo Movement.

Father Bonin has undergone four surgeries on his eyes in little more than a year, but said he should be recovered from his latest operation in time for his jubilee celebration at St. Mary's in mid-May.

"Hopefully, there are still many years of ministry left," Father Bonin said of his priesthood. "I enjoy the opportunity to be-with people in both their joys and sorrows."

Father Robert Gaudio is currently pastor of the Catholic Communities of St. Anne's Church in Palmyra and St. Gregory's Church in Marion. His home parish is Our Lady of Good Counsel in Rochester, where Bishop Joseph L. Hogan ordained him on April 26, 1974.



Father Gaudio assisted at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Brockport (1974-77); St. Alphonsus, Auburn (1977-79); St. Andrew's, Rochester (1979-83); and Holy Name of Jesus, Greece (1983-85). He also served on the Priestly Spirituality Committee from 1973 to 1981.

Father Gaudio's first pastorate was at St. Monica's Church, Rochester, where he served from 1985 until he took up his current position in 1992.

The priest said he especially enjoyed being with people for special moments in their lives — baptisms, weddings, funerals. He added that he must recommit to his vocation constantly.

"The priesthood wasn't something I agreed to 25 years ago," he said. "It's something I've chosen today."

Father James E. Hewes has directed the Newman Community at the State University of New York at Geneseo since 1987, a position he will give up at the end of June.

Father Hewes' home parish is Holy

Ghost Church, Gates, where he was ordained by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on March 27, 1974. He subsequently assisted at three parishes: St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen (1974-75); St. Mary's, Canandaigua (1975-79); and Our Lady of



Perpetual Help, Rochester (1979-80). He became pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Rochester, in 1981, and stayed there until he was assigned to Geneseo.

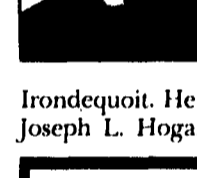
Father Hewes said he was a bit of a troublemaker in elementary school, and he recalled shocking his fellow eighth-graders one day when the teacher asked the students what they wanted to be when they grew up.

"I said I wanted to be a priest," Father Hewes recalled. "The room just stopped in silence, and then everybody just broke down laughing."

However, the once-rowdy student said he wanted to be a priest as early as fourth grade when he went to church with his family and did the Stations of the Cross.

"I wanted to respond somehow to (Jesus') incredible love," he said.

Father Robert J. Kennedy has been a professor at St. Bernard's Institute since 1988. He is also the weekend assistant at Good Shepherd Church in Henrietta, a position he has held since 1996.



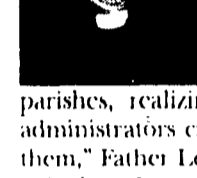
Father Kennedy's home parish is St. Salome's in Irondequoit. He was ordained by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan March 1, 1974, at St.

Margaret Mary Church, Irondequoit. Father Kennedy assisted at St. Mary's Church, Canandaigua from 1974 to 1975. He was then the diocesan director of liturgy from 1975 to 1981, and diocesan director of continuing education from 1981 to 1983. He spent the following five years completing doctoral studies in liturgy at the University of Notre Dame before joining the St. Bernard's faculty.

Father Kennedy has also been weekend assistant at St. Christopher's Church in North Chili (1975-77) and Rochester's St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street (1981-96), as well as chaplain at the Sisters of Mercy motherhouse (1977-81).

Of his many ministries, Father Kennedy said, "I've had kind of the whole range of the diocese."

Father William B. Leone is pastor of the Northern Cayuga Cluster, which encompasses St. John's Church, Port Byron, St. Joseph's, Weedsport, and St. Patrick's, Cato.



"The people are great. There's a lot of ownership of the parishes, realizing that the pastor and administrators can't always be there with them," Father Leone remarked.

Father Leone's home parish is St. Helen's, Gates. Bishop Joseph L. Hogan ordained him on April 5, 1974, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Greece.

He served as assistant at St. Francis de Sales Church in Geneva (1974-77) and St. Jerome's in East Rochester (1977-80). He goes down in history as the last pastor of Holy Redeemer Church in Rochester, where he served from 1980 until its 1985 closing. The parish then merged with St.

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Basilian celebrates silver year



Father Norman C. Tanck, CSB, pastor of Christ the King Parish, Irondequoit, is celebrating 25 years as a priest.

The Rochester native was ordained April 19, 1974, by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan at St. Thomas More Church, Brighton.

A graduate of Aquinas Institute and St. John Fisher College, Father Tanck entered the Basilians in 1967, taking his first vows in 1968, and his final vows in 1972. He taught at Aquinas (1968-69) and Andean High School in Gary, Ind., (1969-70), before going to Toronto to pursue seminary studies, earning an M. Div. from St. Michael's College. From 1973 to 1978, he served in the chaplain's office at St. John Fisher College. He then became the

director of campus ministry and Catholic chaplain at Nazareth College (1978-83). From 1983 to 1985, he served as a campus minister at St. Michael's College, Toronto, then returned to St. John Fisher College to serve as dean of student life (1985-89).

Father Tanck was elected vicar general of the regional congregation of Basilians in 1989, serving in that post until 1997. After a year's sabbatical, he took up the reins as pastor of Christ the King in 1998.

Father Tanck said when he was younger he had occasionally thought about the priesthood, but it was his contact with the Basilians at Aquinas and St. John Fisher that helped to convince him.

"I was really attracted to community life," he said. "I think one of the great joys of the priesthood is being part of a Christian community."

To mark his 25th, the parish has slated a breakfast after 9:30 a.m. Mass April 25.

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