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Crucifix

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ter solution was needed, explained Father Roy Kiggins, the pastor. Then, he said, parishioner Kate Pancoast offered to pay for a crucifix in memory of her cousin Mary Donohue.

In the meantime, Goetz had returned to the parish after his year in American Samoa, and learned of the discussion about buying a crucifix. He went to the parish staff and told them, "I know a carver who does incredible work."

In February 1998, the parish asked Orquist to provide some drawings. Initially, people were uncertain about the stocky, muscular figure of Jesus the artist submitted, Goetz acknowledged. Those concerns were sent to Orquist.

"I believe Jesus was a healthy and powerful man being a carpenter at the time..." Orquist wrote in response. "I know he is the king of kings, but he chose to be a workman and his body was as such."

Father Kiggins said that based on what they had seen and their contact with him, they decided to commission Orquist.

"I think all of us were very impressed by the man's obvious talent and faith," Father Kiggins said.

Orquist went into the forest and located



a teak log to carve, but also developed an infection in his left leg, which had been amputated below the knee several years before due to osteomyelitis. The infection slowed his work.

Orquist also subsequently discovered that the wood was flawed — ironically on the section that was to be Christ's lower left leg. He had to cut out part of the leg, and repair it. In a fax to Goetz he noted, "... please let it remind you of your own people with such disabilities ..."

The finished crucifix arrived at the parish shortly before Easter this year.

Goetz said when he first saw it, "It just struck me as the living Christ."

The crucifix was used for veneration of the cross on Good Friday, was on display for several weeks, then was hung behind the altar. Meanwhile, the parish put out a book for people to write comments in for Orquist. Goetz said the people filled 22 pages with such comments as, "Words cannot adequately describe what my spirit feels when I gaze at it. I am in awe at how the Holy Spirit used your gift to bring the felt presence of God to this area."

Father Kiggins said people seem to like the crucifix. "I've heard only favorable comments."

Some adjusting of its position has still to take place, he said. In addition, a plaque in memory of Mary Donohue will be added.

Goetz said even the artist was surprised at what he created, telling the doctor by telephone, "You know, when I was done I looked at it and said, 'How did I do this?'"

Appointments

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following priest appointments, effective June 29.

• **Father James Burke**, from pastor, St. Agnes Church, Avon, to administrator, Holy Family Church, Auburn.

• **Father Lee Chase**, to sacramental minister at Nazareth College, concurrent with duties as pastor of St. Thomas More Church, Brighton.

• **Father Brian Cool**, from co-administrator, St. Michael's, Penn Yan, and St. Andrew's, Dundee, to chaplain, University of Rochester.

• **Father Kip Corriveau**, from parochial vicar, St. Louis Church, Pittsford, and sacramental minister, St. Joseph Church, Rush, to parochial vicar, Canestee Valley Roman Catholic Churches (St. Ann and St. Ignatius, Hornell; St. Joachim, Canestee; and St. Mary, Rexville).

• **Father Jim Hewes**, from chaplain, SUNY Geneseo, to parochial vicar, St. Francis DeSales/St. Stephen's, Geneva.

• **Father James Jaeger**, from pastor of St. Ann Church, Hornell, to pastor, Canestee Valley Roman Catholic Churches (St. Ann and St. Ignatius, Hornell; St. Joachim, Canestee; and St. Mary, Rexville).

• **Father Robert Kennedy**, to sacramental minister, St. Joseph Church, Rush, concurrent with teaching duties at St. Bernard's Institute.

• **Father Eric Phillips**, from studies in Rome to priest intern, St. Joseph Church, Penfield.

• **Father Bob Ring**, from diocesan director of priest personnel, to pastor, St. Margaret Mary Church, Apalachin, while temporarily retaining some priest personnel responsibilities.

• **Father Paul Tomasso**, to pastor, Holy Family Church, Rochester, concurrent with pastorate of Four City West parishes (St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Peter and Paul and Holy Apostles).

• **Father Gary Tyman**, from chaplain, University of Rochester, to parochial vicar, Assumption of Our Lady Church, Fairport.

Obituary

Fr. V. A. Jankowiak; first Apalachin pastor

Father Valentine A. Jankowiak, founding pastor of St. Margaret Mary's Church in Apalachin, died June 7, 1999, at St. Ann's Home, Rochester. He was 87.

Born in Morris Run, Pa., Father Jankowiak was ordained June 11, 1938, in Poznan, Poland, where he had completed his studies for the priesthood after attending St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

His first parish assignment was at St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester, as 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 Church, Irondequoit (1955-59).

In 1959, Father Jankowiak went to St.

Margaret Mary's, where he oversaw construction of a new church. The building was dedicated in 1967.

He moved to St. Cecilia's Church, Elmira, in 1974, where he spent seven years as pastor before returning to St. Stanislaus, Rochester, where he lived in retirement until he became ill several weeks ago. A long-time servant of diocesan Polish Catholics, Father Jankowiak preached in Polish at St. Casimir's and St. Stanislaus — both traditionally Polish parishes — for several years.

Deacon Raymond Mielcarek of St. Stanislaus recalled Father Jankowiak as a "very prayerful person, very mild-mannered."

"He was a wonderful man as far as giv-

ing counsel," the deacon said, adding that Father Jankowiak was an informed baseball fan who himself played semi-professionally in Rochester as a young man.

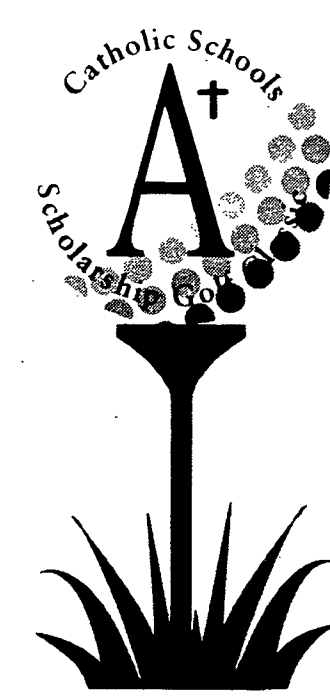
Father Jankowiak is survived by his brother, Dr. Henry Jann, of Mesa, Ariz.; his sisters Mary Mankowski and Agnes Bonus, both of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be sent to St. Stanislaus Church, 34 St. Stanislaus St., Rochester, NY 14621.

Bishop Matthew H. Clark was to celebrate a funeral Mass at St. Stanislaus on June 10. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

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