

DIOCESAN NEWS



Karin von Volgtlander/Staff photographer

House blessing

Father Paul Tomasso blesses the newly opened Urban Center for Spirituality and Action at Holy Apostles Parish in Rochester May 19. St. John of Rochester members helped renovate the former convent and halfway house, which now partly serves as the center's base for neighborhood outreach and urban retreats.

Bishop to ordain Abbey monk to priesthood

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain Brother Gerard D'Souza, OCSO, 43, a priest of the Cistercians of the Strict Observance at the Abbey of the Genesee, Piffard, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23.

Born in the United Arab Emirates to parents from India, Brother D'Souza was raised in Mumbai (Bombay) and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Bombay. He pursued seminary studies at St. Pius College in his home city. He immigrated to the United States in 1988 with his family, and worked in St. Monica's Parish, Manhattan, as an instructor for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

In 1991, Brother D'Souza earned a master's degree in religious studies from the former Archdiocesan Catechetical Institute, now known as the Institute of Religious Studies, in Dunwoodie, Yonkers. He entered the abbey in 1992, and took his solemn vows in 1999. He completed his priestly studies at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in April.

As a priest, Brother D'Souza will be responsible for administering the sacraments both to his fellow monks and to guests who attend retreats at the monastery. About 20 years ago, Brother D'Souza read a book by the famed Trappist monk Father Thomas

Deacon Joseph Marcoux will be ordained June 30

By Rob Cullivan
Staff writer

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain Deacon Joseph W. Marcoux a priest of the Diocese of Rochester at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 30, in Sacred Heart Cathedral, Rochester.

The son of Leo and Jennie Marcoux, who have seven other children, Deacon Marcoux is currently studying at the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium. He was ordained a transitional deacon there last December.

Deacon Marcoux will celebrate his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving, Sunday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m. in his home parish of St. James, Irondequoit. After ordination to the priesthood, he will return to the university to finish his studies, and come back to the Rochester diocese Oct. 1.

The 35-year-old grew up attending St. James Parish and went to grammar school there as well. A graduate of Bishop Kearney High School, Irondequoit, he has attended Monroe Community College in

Brighton, and the Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. He graduated with honors from Steubenville in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology. In addition to his studies in Belgium, Deacon Marcoux also did post-graduate work in the Renaissance and the Reformation at Oxford University, England, in 1996.

Prior to going to Steubenville, Marcoux spent about a decade as a cook and a chef specializing in French cuisine and working in restaurants in Rochester and the Finger Lakes region as well as New York City.

"I think I always considered the priestly life, but not too seriously, until an old friend called me out of the blue and gave me a nudge," Deacon Marcoux told the *Catholic Courier* in an e-mail message.

That old friend was the late Father David Mura, who died in 1995. Marcoux had met him as a teenager through various diocesan-sponsored youth ministry retreats and events. His conversation with Father Mura inspired him to look into the diocesan priesthood, he said.

"I knew I was searching for something that would give my life meaningfulness and peace," Deacon Marcoux stated.

In addition to his academic studies, Deacon Marcoux spent his pastoral year from 1998-99 working for the Corning-Painted Post Roman Catholic Community, which comprises the parishes of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's and St. Patrick's in Corning, as well as Immaculate Heart of Mary in Painted Post. In 1999, Deacon Marcoux completed his clinical pastoral education at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester.

Deacon Marcoux has invited everyone in the diocese to his ordination.

Merton that inspired him to consider the monastic life, he said. The life of simplicity and prayer seemed compelling, he said.

"You deepen in prayer and a relationship with God, and by staying in the same place, you deepen that relationship more than if you were constantly shifting," he said.

- Rob Cullivan

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-St. Anthony M. Zaccaria
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Hilton native will be OMI priest

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Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI, of the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas, will ordain Deacon Sean McEntee, OMI, a priest of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, on Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m. in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Hamlin.

Born June 11, 1968, Deacon McEntee grew up attending St. Elizabeth's as well as St. Leo's Parish, Hilton. He is the son of Karen Sterlace of Hilton and James McEntee of Rochester.

Deacon McEntee is awaiting his first assignment as a priest. The Oblates are a worldwide missionary order based in Marseilles, France.

Deacon McEntee grew up attending the Hilton public schools, and graduated from SUNY Brockport in 1991. After graduation, he worked for three years as an operator for Rochester Telephone, he said in a phone interview from Chicago, Ill., where he is studying at the Catholic Theological Union. He will graduate May 31 with master degrees in theology and divinity.

Deacon McEntee said his vocation was inspired, in part, through his friendship with Father Tony Mugavero, currently pastor of St. Bridget's Parish, Rochester. The two met when both of them were active in the pro-life movement in the early 1990s.

"He was just such an impressive priest in terms of how he lived and cared for people," the deacon said of Father Mugavero.

Deacon McEntee said he also was inspired to become a priest when he went backpacking in Europe and the Middle East, where, he said, "I got acquainted with the land of Jesus."

Deacon McEntee said he was attracted to the Oblates after meeting members of the order on a retreat, and entered their pre-novitiate program in Buffalo in September 1994. During his time with the order, he has done a pastoral year of service to the Carrier nation, a native people of British Columbia, Canada, from 1999-2000.

Deacon McEntee will celebrate his first Mass as a priest at St. Bridget's on Sunday, June 24, at 10:30 a.m.

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