

DIOCESAN NEWS

Cardinal ordains area native

Cardinal Edward Egan, archbishop of New York, ordained David McCallum a Jesuit priest on June 9 at Fordham University in the Bronx.

The 33-year-old Father McCallum is son of David and Rhonda McCallum of Irondequoit. He celebrated his Mass of Thanksgiving June 10 in Fordham's chapel.

Father McCallum attended St. Margaret Mary's Parish in Irondequoit, Irondequoit High School and LeMoyne College in Syracuse. He joined the New York Province of the Society of Jesus in 1990, and did his novitiate studies at St. Andrew's Hall, Syracuse. In preparation for ordination, he worked in pastoral care with AIDS patients at St. Clare's Hospital in New York City; taught at Cathedral School in Syracuse; and assisted refugees in Buffalo. He also worked at St. Ignatius Parish, Brooklyn, and with inner-city students in Jersey City.



While studying philosophy at Fordham, Father McCallum assisted with the university's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. Before becoming a priest, he also taught religious education in the Bronx, and English to

Polish Jesuit seminarians in Poland.

From 1995-98, Father McCallum taught at Buffalo's Canisius High School where he directed the service program, coached lacrosse and directed retreats for seniors. He also supported local volunteers with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, and served at St. Joseph's University Parish.

In October, 2000, Archbishop Giuseppe Pittau, SJ, prefect for education at the Vatican, ordained him a transitional deacon in Cambridge, Mass. In May, he received a master's degree in divinity and a licentiate in sacred theology from the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Mass. As a transitional deacon, he assisted at St. Raphael's Parish in West Medford, Mass., and as a retreat director for students at Harvard University.

Father McCallum is currently attending Spanish-language school in Bolivia, and has been assigned to work at St. Anthony's Parish in Oceanside, N.Y., later this year.



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Parishes welcome migrants

Xochitl Palacios, regional Hispanic ministry coordinator, kisses Peter Luna, 4, while his one-year-old sister, Shyla, and father, Pedro, look on during the Bienvenida Mass at St. Theresa's Church in Stanley July 8. Sponsored by the Roman Catholic Community of Geneva, the annual welcoming Mass for Spanish-speaking seasonal workers was attended by approximately 50 people.

Appointments

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the following pastoral leadership appointments, which became effective June 26, unless noted otherwise.

- **Father P. Paul Brennan**, retired, to part-time sacramental minister at Willard/Five Points Correctional facilities.

- **Father William G. Endres** to sacramental minister at Strong Health facilities, effective July 1. He has served at Rochester General Hospital.

- **Father Stephen Karani** to parochial vicar at St. Mary Our Mother Parish, Horseheads, from Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community.

- **Father Matthew Kawiak**, to sacramental minister for the Newman Community at the State University of New York at Brockport, with concurrent sacramental duties in the diocese.

- **Father James Kiarie** to parochial vicar at St. Pius Tenth Parish, Chili. He recently finished studies at St. John Fisher College and concurrently served as sacramental minister at St. Margaret Mary Parish, Irondequoit.

- **Father Norbert Kyumu** to temporary priest administrator of St. Christopher Parish, North Chili.

- **Father Joseph Marcoux**, newly ordained, to priest intern at Sacred Heart Cathedral, effective Oct. 1.

- **Father Thomas Mull** to provide temporary leadership for the Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community with concurrent duties as pastor of St. Mary Parish, Ganandaigua.

- **Father Celestine Obi** to chaplain at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse, with concurrent sacramental duties in the diocese.

- **Father Edwin Obiorah** to sacramental minister at Strong Health facilities, effective July 1. He also is a lawyer in private practice.

- **Father William Onuh** to active military duty in the Navy, effective May 12 this year, from the chaplaincy at Groveland/Livingston Correctional facilities.

- **Father Pius Pathmarajah** to part-time parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Penfield, concurrent with limited duties at the Diocesan Tribunal.

- **Father Felicjan Sierotowicz** to sacramental minister at Good Shepherd Catholic Community, with concurrent sacramental duties at Mercy Rehabilitation Facility, Auburn. He has been assisting at Church of the Assumption, Fairport.

- **Father Patrick Van Durme** to the Tioga Catholic Community, effective Oct. 1, after returning from studies at Louvain, Belgium. He was ordained last year.

Obituary

Howard J. Finley at 99; church, community activist

Howard J. Finley's daughter, Marilyn McArdle, clearly recalls the day Pearl Harbor was bombed, Dec. 7, 1941. Her father had promised to take her to the movies. Instead, he stayed close by his radio in their Weedsport home.

"As the war progressed, the 6 o'clock news listed soldiers who were killed, imprisoned, or missing in action," she recalled. "Tears would run down his face."

Many of the soldiers were his former public school students, she said. Within days he contacted their families and went to see them. "I learned war is bad, what it was like and a lot of compassion from that," she said.

Mr. Finley died June 26, 2001, at the Cayuga County Nursing Home in Auburn. He would have been 100 Dec. 6.

St. Joseph's Parish in Weedsport applauded him when he attended its baccalaureate Mass June 17. He had always walked the block or so to church, but this time he was in a wheelchair, seated in the handicap section.

On June 30, the day of his funeral Mass at St. Joseph's, his daughter, held up the handicap sticker she had used when she drove her father on errands; he had driven until a few years ago when he developed

macular degeneration. Her brother, John, placed it on their father's coffin. The sticker had expired that day.

"Some people have crucifixes, and my dad had a disabled sticker," McArdle said. "He would have gotten a chuckle out of that. ... One of the things dad always impressed upon us was we must have a sense of humor."

"He meant a great deal to the church," said Father William Leone, who spoke of Mr. Finley in his Sunday homily the day after the funeral. Mr. Finley's civic memory is sure to live on, Father Leone said, noting that he had taught agriculture to generations, documented community and church history, and was long active in the conservation movement.

Mr. Finley and his wife, Helen, who died in 1999, always reached out to the less fortunate, Father Leone said. "At Christmas he would call and ask if I knew a family who could use extra help," he said. ... For Howard and Helen, no one could be a nameless person. They looked for people and reached out to them in the Lord."

A native of Hartford, Mich., Mr. Finley taught vocational agriculture in the Weedsport Central School System from 1939 un-

til his retirement in 1966. He had served as adviser to the Future Farmers of America and leader of 4-H clubs; member of the Town of Brutus Planning and Development and Cayuga County Water Quality Advisory boards; as Brutus-Weedsport local history director; and councilman to the National Association of Conservation Districts. He was an originator of the Old Brutus Historical Society, co-organizer of the Weedsport Community Fair, and instrumental in transforming the Centerport Erie Canal aqueduct into a park. His writings included the "Centennial History of St. Joseph's Parish."

He is survived by his daughter, Marilyn (Edward) McArdle of Ovid; son, John W. (Lucille) of Illinois; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Father Leone presided at his funeral Mass at St. Joseph's June 30, with Father George Wiant as homilist and Deacon John Tomandl assisting. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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