

MILESTONES

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ality," which was published in *The Priest* magazine in November 1991; and "Confidential Matters and the Secret Archives," published in *Studia Canonica* in 1992.

A jubilee Mass for Father McKenna will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. April 14 at St. Cecilia's, and a reception will follow.

55 years



Father Anthony F. Calimeri retired from the pastorate of St. Felix/St. Francis Parish Cluster in Clifton Springs and Phelps in 1993.

His home parish is St. Francis of Assisi in Auburn, and he attended Auburn public schools and Holy Family High School in Auburn. He then attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries in Rochester.

Following his ordination by Bishop James E. Kearney on June 13, 1947, Father Calimeri assisted at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Rochester from 1947-51 and at St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester from 1951-57. Also during this period, he served as chaplain to various units of the Catholic War Veterans in Monroe County.

Father Calimeri was pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Rochester from 1957-65 and pastor of St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester from 1965-83.

From 1967-69, Father Calimeri, who speaks both Italian and Spanish, served as director of the Diocesan Spanish Apostolate and was chaplain to the Mexican missionary Sisters of Guadalupe for 20 years from the early '70s to the early '90s.

In 1983, he was named pastor of St. Francis of Assisi in Phelps. In 1991, he also became pastor of St. Felix Church in Clifton Springs after the two parishes clustered. He

retired from both parishes in 1993.

Since retirement, Father Calimeri has assisted at the parishes in the Northern Cayuga Cluster - St. John in Port Byron, St. Joseph in Weedsport and St. Patrick in Cato. He also travels to Spain once a year to visit friends who live there.

"I've had a great career," Father Calimeri noted. "I've been extraordinarily happy."



Father Richard Orlando is retired pastor of St. Michael's Church in Lyons.

He grew up in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Rochester, attending its school, as well as St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. Following his June 13, 1947, ordination, Father Orlando served as assistant pastor at the following Rochester-area churches: St. Francis Xavier, 1947-54; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 1954-55; St. Anthony, 1955-58; Mount Carmel again, 1958-63; Holy Rosary, 1963-66; and St. Helen, 1966-68.

In 1968, he became pastor of St. Michael's, and retired from there in 1993. After retirement, Father Orlando resided at St. Thomas More Rectory in Rochester, and occasionally filled in at various parishes. He now lives at St. Ann's Home in Rochester.

60 years



Father Clarence Gardner retired from the pastorate of St. Alphonsus Church in Auburn in 1986.

He grew up in Holy Redeemer Parish in Rochester and attended Holy Redeemer and St. Ambrose schools, as well as Aquinas Institute. He also attended

St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries in Rochester.

He was ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney on June 6, 1942, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester.

Father Gardner served as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira, 1942-44; assistant pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester, 1944-46; assistant pastor at St. Alphonsus, Auburn, 1946-54; assistant pastor at St. Anthony, Rochester, 1954-56; assistant pastor at St. Dominic, Shortsville, 1956-57; assistant pastor at Holy Rosary, Rochester, 1957-59; chaplain of Auburn Correctional Facility and of Mercy Hospital, 1959-78; and pastor of St. Alphonsus, Auburn, from 1978 until his retirement in 1986.

While he was chaplain at Auburn Correctional Facility, Father Gardner said he created a Catholic group-therapy program for prisoners, and also helped prisoners find jobs after their release.

"It gave them some idea that they could improve," he recalled.

While at St. Alphonsus, Father Gardner also was very involved in Catholic education. He taught Latin classes and offered Masses for students at Blessed Trinity School in Auburn, which became St. Joseph's School.

Although retired, Father Gardner is still very active in St. Alphonsus Church. On Mondays, he leads a novena to Our

Lady at St. Alphonsus, and on Tuesdays, he does readings for and works with the church's Legion of Mary group. For the last three years, he has been speaking to people about church history as a means of engaging them in praying and coming to church.

Father Gardner said that he has been very happy being a priest for 60 years.

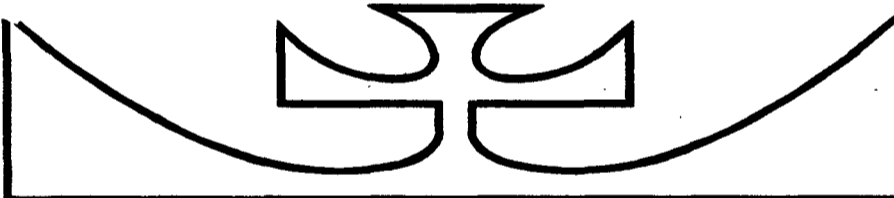
"The experiences have been just wonderful," he said.

A jubilee Mass for Father Gardner will take place at 4 p.m. June 1 at St. Alphonsus, followed by a reception and dinner in the parish center.

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