

Fr. Quinn; campus minister

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Father John J. Quinn, who served as a campus minister and pastor of three diocesan parishes, died Dec. 27, 2002, at St. Ann's Home in Rochester after a long illness. He was 66 years old.

Father Quinn was a native of St. Alphonsus Parish in Auburn. A classmate of Bishop Matthew H. Clark at St. Bernard's Seminary, Father Quinn was ordained a diocesan priest June 1, 1963, by Bishop James E. Kearney. He was assistant pastor at Good Shepherd, Henrietta, from 1963-68 and at St. Charles Borromeo, Greece, from 1968-70.

In 1970 Father Quinn began a seven-year stint as Catholic chaplain at the State University of New York at Brockport. "That was his heyday. He really got focused; he liked working with young people," said Father Winfried Kellner, assisting priest at Greece's Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, who was a classmate of Father Quinn.

"(Brockport) always remained with him as very, very special," agreed Father Thomas Wheeland, pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Charlotte, a close friend.

Father Quinn's first pastorate was at St. Stephen's, Geneva, from 1977-



81. He then moved to Our Lady of Mercy, Greece, where he served as pastor from 1981-91. He was then the pastor of St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit, from 1991-97.

Father Quinn moved to St. Theodore's Parish in Gates in 1997 as assisting priest. He was challenged in recent years by declining health; a long-time bout with diabetes had caused damage to his eyesight and hearing, and he had also developed a heart condition. But he was still determined to perform his priestly duties, Father Wheeland observed.

"Jack was very concerned about everybody. He was a person who never let his handicaps keep him from being there for people," Father Wheeland said, noting that Father Quinn would arrange to be transported so he could attend sick calls and funerals.

"I always admired his patience and his ability to put up with some very difficult physical problems," remarked Father Gerald Connor, a retired diocesan priest who lived with Father Quinn at St. Theodore's. "He would reach out to people. He had

great enthusiasm and wanted people to see wonderful things."

Fathers Kellner and Wheeland also recall Father Quinn as a congenial host who enjoyed organizing dinner get-togethers for his brother priests over the years.

For the past several months Father Quinn had resided at St. Ann's Home. Father Wheeland noted that he celebrated Mass with Father Quinn in his room on Thanksgiving Day as well as on Christmas Day, just two days before he died.

"He had the second Eucharistic prayer memorized. He was very aware of what was going on; he kind of rallied," Father Wheeland said.

Father Quinn's funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 30, 2002, at St. Theodore's Church, with Bishop Clark serving as celebrant. Interment was at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Auburn.

Father Quinn is survived by his sisters Maureen (Bill) Kirwan, and Beverley (Steve) Graham; brothers Edward Kany and J. Michael (Louise) Kany; aunt, Jane Quinn; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins.

Deacon Brown; served at cathedral

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Deacon Jay E. Brown, who was ordained a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Rochester in 2001, died Jan. 2, 2003, at Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital after a lengthy bout with cancer. He was 56 years old.

Deacon Brown, a Rochester native, grew up in Holy Family Parish and graduated from the parish school. He went on to graduate from Aquinas Institute, Monroe Community College and Rochester Institute of Technology. He served in the United States Army in 1971 and 1972, and was a long-time employee of Eastman Kodak Co.

He entered the diaconate program in 1997. Although his cancer was discovered in 1999 and he was given less than a year to live, Deacon Brown persisted with his studies and celebrated his ordination on June 9, 2001. He was assigned to Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral where he made a strong impact on the parish community in the short time he served there.

"He was just an extraordinarily

gracious, warm, inviting gentleman," said Bishop Matthew H. Clark, who celebrated Deacon Brown's funeral Mass Jan. 6 at the deacon's home parish, St. Jude's in Gates.

Deacon Brown's ministry became more limited as his illness grew. But he remained strong in his faith and was a regular presence at St. Jude's, attending daily Mass regularly. Father John Steger, the parish's pastor, noted that Deacon Brown would often enter the church late at night so he could make a Holy Hour.

"It gave him the inspiration and strength we all need whenever there's a challenge in our lives," Father Steger said during his homily at the funeral Mass.

Father Steger added that Deacon Brown attended Mass on Christmas Eve with his family, saying, "Most assuredly, Jay offered his life, his pain, his suffering to Christ."

Deacon David Palma, director of the diocesan Office of Deacon Personnel, praised Deacon Brown for being open about his illness and his faith.

"He loved preaching. (But) how he

dealt with his illness day-to-day was a homily for us all," Deacon Palma remarked.

Deacon Brown's daughter-in-law, Krista Brown, said in her eulogy that her father-in-law was a major influence in her decision to enter the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. "If it wasn't for him, I probably wouldn't be the person I am today," she remarked.

In addition to his diaconal ministry, Deacon Brown belonged to the Third Order of Lay Carmelites as well as the Knights of Columbus Council No. 10758. He was also highly active at St. Jude's as a lector, choir member, softball coach and catechist.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; children John (Krista), Patrick (fiancee Mary Sliney) and Michelle; mother, Ruth; sisters, Joanne Weber and Judy Champion; brothers, Jerry (Marge) and James; uncle, Edward Weber; and nieces and nephews.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Problem Pregnancy Help Center, 3252 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY, 14612.

Sr. Margarita Boyle, SSJ, 85

Sister of St. Joseph Margarita Boyle, 85, died Nov. 24, 2002. A native of St. Columba Parish in Caledonia, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1938 and attended Nazareth Normal School.

For 24 years, Sister Boyle was housekeeper at St. Patrick's Convent in Corning and St. Mary's in Elmira. She also served as an aide in the congregation's infirmary for 10 years. Since 1976 she devoted herself to prayer ministry and crocheted baby sets and more than 325 afghans for the Cornerstone Craft Shop located at the motherhouse.

Sister Boyle is survived by her sisters, Rita Coveny of Warsaw, Eleanor Steinwachs of Blasdell, Mildred Henault of Orchard Park, and Monica Fisher of Churchville; nieces and nephews; and her sisters in the congregation of St. Joseph.

Her funeral liturgy was celebrated in the motherhouse chapel on Nov. 27. Father Bruce Ammering, infirmary chaplain, was the celebrant, assisted by Msgr. Emmett Murphy. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Convent Infirmary, 4095 East Ave., Rochester, NY 14618.

Sr. Dorr; taught at Holy Family

Sister Mary Vincentia Dorr of the School Sisters of Notre Dame died at the congregation's motherhouse in Baltimore, Md., on Oct. 29, 2002. She was 91.

A native of Washington, D.C., Sister Dorr professed her first vows in 1933 and her perpetual vows in 1939 in Baltimore. She earned her bachelor's degree at Nazareth College in 1954. She taught second grade at Holy Family School in Rochester from 1942 to 1958.

Her funeral liturgy was celebrated Nov. 1 at Villa Assumpta in Baltimore followed by burial at Notch Cliff Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, 6401 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21212.