

# *Celebrate Priesthood!*



Diocese of Worcester • October 13, 2016



# In Memory of John F. and Mary A. Donahue

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October 13, 2016

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to our third annual gala celebration of the diocesan priesthood in the Diocese of Worcester!

Our committee is excited about sharing a new venue and format for the evening. Allow me this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to St. Vincent Hospital for extending the use of this beautiful Atrium for "Tastes of the Diocese." I also offer my thanks to the many restaurateurs, parishes, vineyards and our Trappist brothers in Christ from St. Joseph Abbey in Spencer as they all share their delectable treats with us this evening.

We are here to celebrate the contributions that so many priests, both active and retired, have made in our lives and to the Diocese of Worcester. Our priests inspire us with a message that transcends history, a message of redemption through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ for each of us. By their actions, their words and their commitment to the vocation of the priesthood, our priests have responded to a call to bring Jesus Christ into each of our lives.

As we share in fellowship tonight, it is appropriate to recall that, just like the medical professionals who bring healing and hope to the patients of this facility, our priests bring comfort and healing through the sacraments to those of us in need of God's grace, in good times and in bad. Priests have been and will continue to be integral to the life of all Catholics.

As you know, proceeds from tonight's event benefit the Priests' Retirement Fund, which, in recent years, has faced on average a \$1 million deficit annually. On behalf of our committee, which worked diligently to bring this night to fruition, I thank all of you for your participation and your willingness to help us raise needed funds for priests' retirement care. I am confident that each of you joins with me in thanking our priests and in wanting to assure that we provide for their well-deserved care in their senior years.

I also wish to offer a special thank you to our sponsors who are all listed in this program, along with the many advertisers and the donors who could not be with us tonight. Their generosity was key to tonight's successful results.

May this evening's tribute be a testimony to the love and devotion we share for our priests. Let us raise our voices in prayerful gratitude to Almighty God for the gift of the priesthood which he has bestowed on us as a community of faith.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

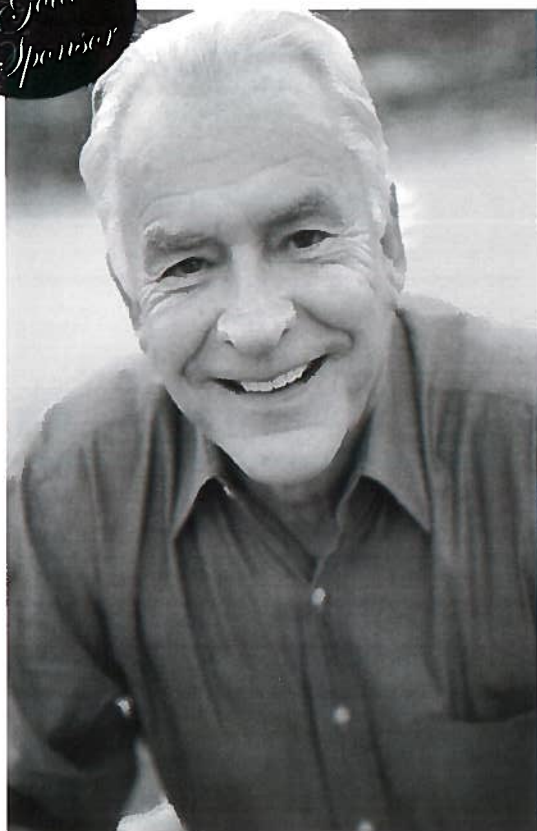
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# *Celebrate Priesthood!*

Thursday, October 13, 2016 - St. Vincent Hospital Atrium, Worcester

*A Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Clergy Retirement Fund.*

## *Committee Members*

Most Rev. Robert J. McManus  
*Bishop of Worcester*

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Rev. Jonathan Slavinkas

Kate McEvoy-Zdonczyk

## PROGRAM

*Food and refreshments available throughout the evening*

### Welcome 5:30

Raymond Delisle  
Chancellor

### Invocation

Fr. Charles Dumphy  
Ordained May 19, 1955

*Interviews throughout the evening will be projected LIVE  
every 20 minutes beginning at 6:00 pm*

### Musical performances

Marie Pascal Duplan  
Haitian Ministry of the Diocese of Worcester

### Reflections 7:15

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

### In Memoriam

*All priests are invited to join Bishop McManus  
in singing the Salve Regina*

### Benediction

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# TASTE OF THE DIOCESE TABLES

*Food and refreshments available at the table from 5:30 to 7:30 pm*

*Bottled water available at all wine tables*

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## Table 1



[struckcatering.com](http://struckcatering.com)

Scallops in Filo with saffron cream

## Table 2



[Lock50.com](http://Lock50.com)

## Table 3

Red Wine



and selections  
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## Table 4

White Wine

Wicked Whites and selections  
donated by Dr. Michael Burns

## Table 5



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## Table 6



[www.spencerabbey.org](http://www.spencerabbey.org)

Spencer Ales and Lagers  
see list on page 49

## Table 7



[kyotobarandgrill.com](http://kyotobarandgrill.com)  
sushi and appetizers

## Table 8

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish

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Pierogis and kielbasa

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## Table 9

Oxford Knights of Columbus

Fr. Dennis Rocheford Council 4241  
Greek meatballs & tzatziki

## Table 10



Worcester, MA 01608  
variety of pizza tastings

## Table 11

St. John Paul II Parish

stjp2parish.org  
Hispanic delicacies

## Table 12



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Desserts

## Table 13



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Gourmet Cookies

## Table 14

St. Cecilia Parish

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French Meat Pie

## Table 15



Scott Toupin Catering

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Tangy Cocktail meatballs

## Table 16



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## Table 17



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Lollipop Lamb chops

## Table 18

Red Wine

## Table 19

White Wine

## Table 20

St. Anthony of Padua, Fitchburg

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Calzone

## Table 21



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Cheese selections & crudités

## Table 22



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Tastings

## Table 23

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and sausage with peppers



# THE ONGOING NEED IN THE RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

Have you ever faced the need to care for an elderly family member? You know first-hand how costs can add up when dealing with medical bills, assistance in living and many other issues, even before facing skilled nursing home care!

In the Diocese of Worcester, the customary retirement age for diocesan clergy is 75 years of age. On average, there are more than 60 retired priests in our diocese who are cared for by our Diocese following many decades of service to the Catholic community in our parishes and other diocesan ministries.

For more than five years in a row, the cost of Retired Priests Care has exceeded available resources by an average of \$1 million per year. While a committee has been working on reducing expenses without sacrificing quality of care, the need for more funds will continue to outpace the current sources without the added assistance of individuals like you.

Many people have wondered how this initiative relates to the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection which has been taken up in the month of December for more than 20 years. That national collection is used exclusively to assist vowed religious communities (sisters, brothers and religious order priests) who faced crippling retirement costs for the elderly and frail members of their communities. Canonically they operate their finances separately from the dioceses in which they served or are still serving.



## *Join us in Celebrating the Gift of Priesthood throughout the year!*

The gift of the priesthood is more than a personal vocation to which each priest is called. It is a gift to the community of faith. We are never without the sacramental graces conferred on each of us, thanks to the presence of a priest.

We invite you to consider ways in which you can show gratitude for the priests who have made a difference in your life as we face the financial challenge of caring for our retired priests.

Make a gift to the Retired Priests' Fund at any time during the year to honor a priest who helped you or your family, and have it listed on an online Memorial Wall. Visit [worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood](http://worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood).

Make a Legacy Gift to the Retired Priests' Fund in your planning so that you make a long-term difference in the care of our retired priests. Visit [worcesterdiocese.plannedgiving.org](http://worcesterdiocese.plannedgiving.org).

# *May God bless our senior priests, retired bishops and priests*

## Retired Bishops



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**Most Reverend  
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## Senior Priests

Reverend  
Paul T. O'Connell, Shrewsbury  
J. Normand Tremblay,  
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single blessing from God without  
finding, side by side with this  
recollection, the image of the  
priest.*

## Retired Priests

Reverend Monsignor  
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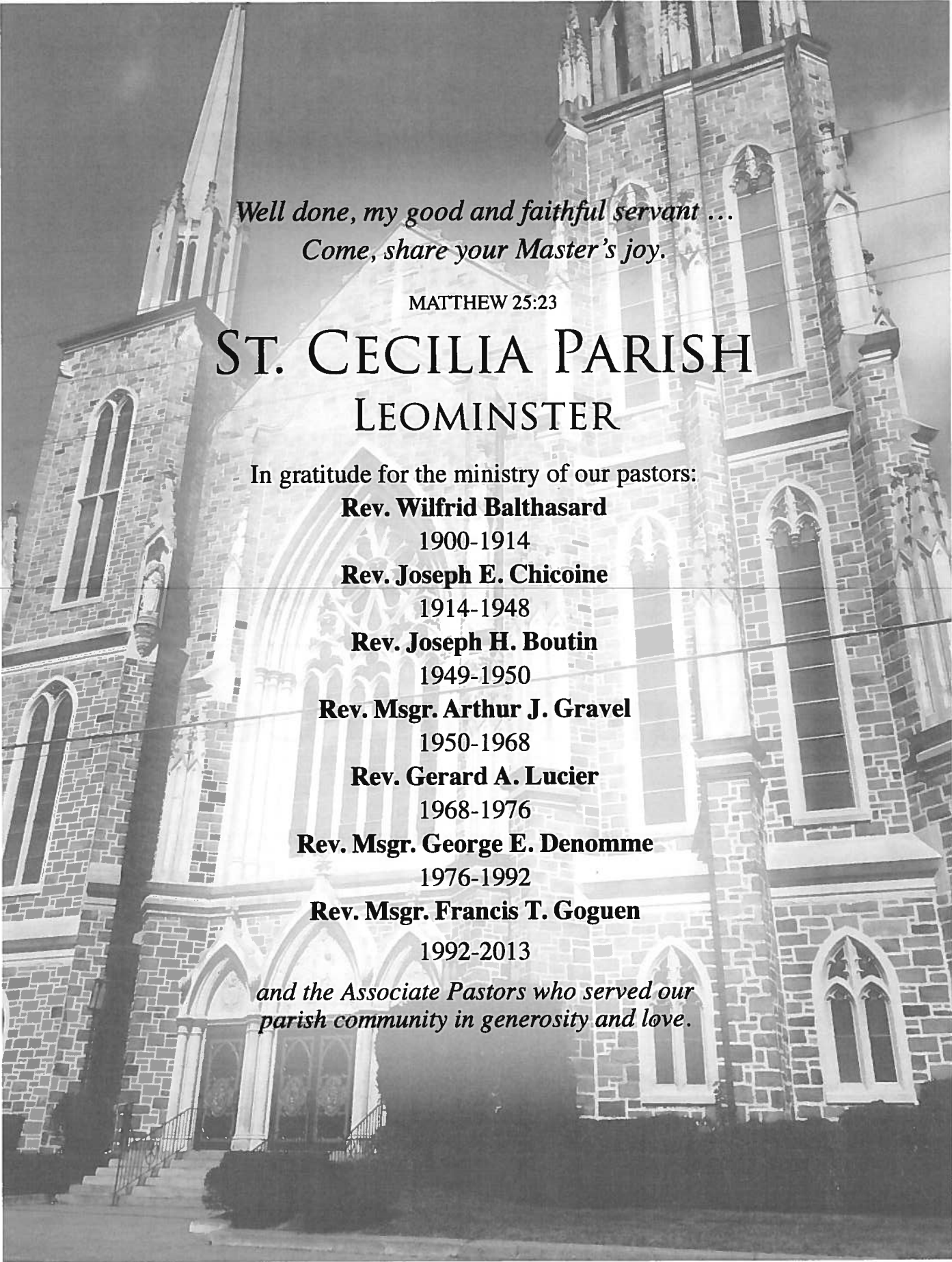


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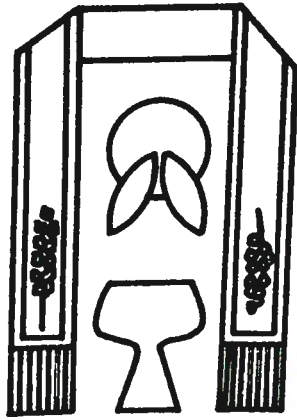
**Rev. Msgr. George E. Denomme**

1976-1992

**Rev. Msgr. Francis T. Goguen**

1992-2013

*and the Associate Pastors who served our  
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who have guided us along the  
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O'Connell, our beloved uncle.*



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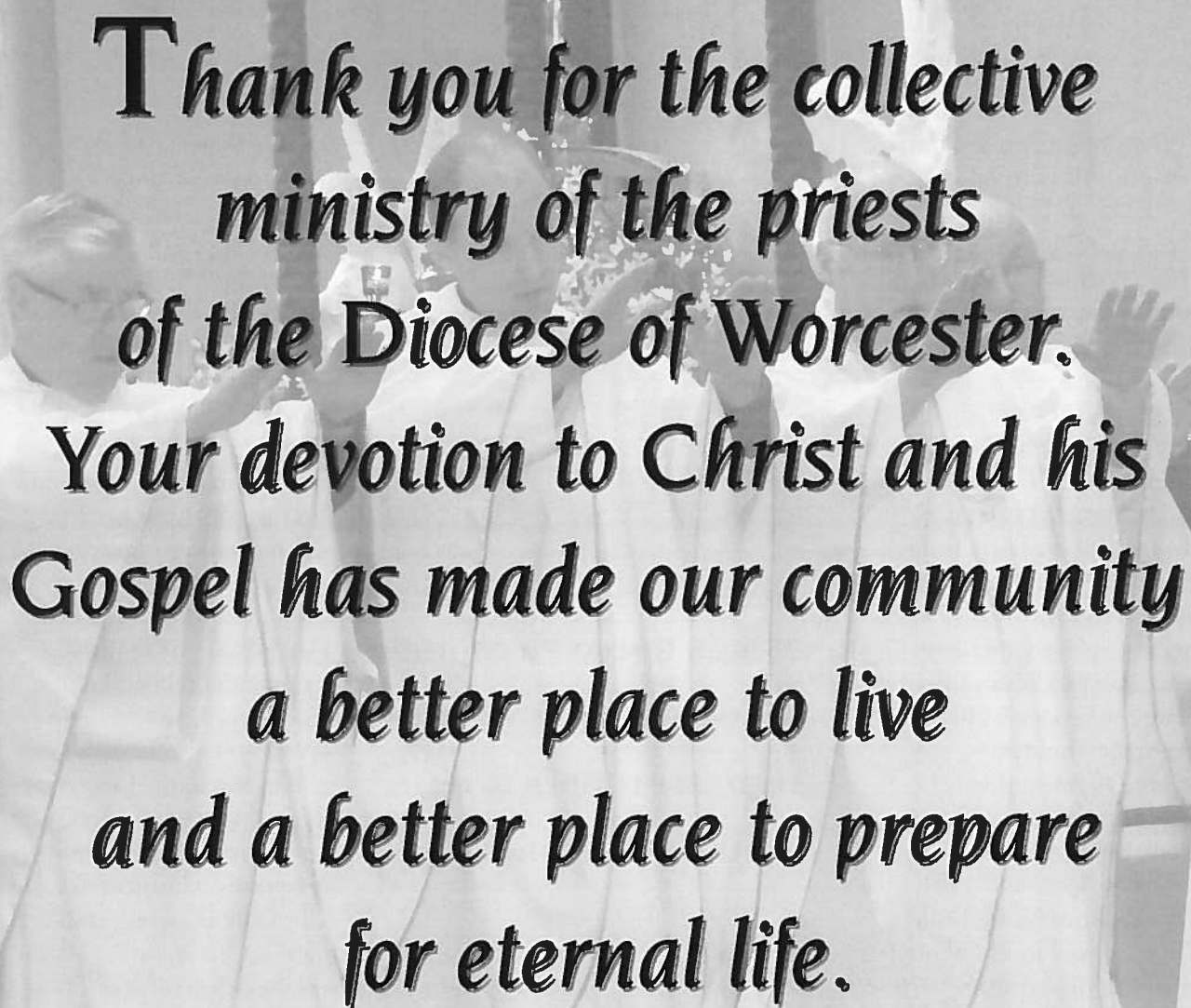
**Philippians 4:13**

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Gospel has made our community  
a better place to live  
and a better place to prepare  
for eternal life.***

***Athy Family***

# IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini was born on Dec. 17, 1945, in Leominster, the son of Pietro and Santina (Piermarini) Piccolomini. He attended Julie Country Day School and St. Leo Elementary School in Leominster and graduated from Notre Dame High School, Fitchburg.

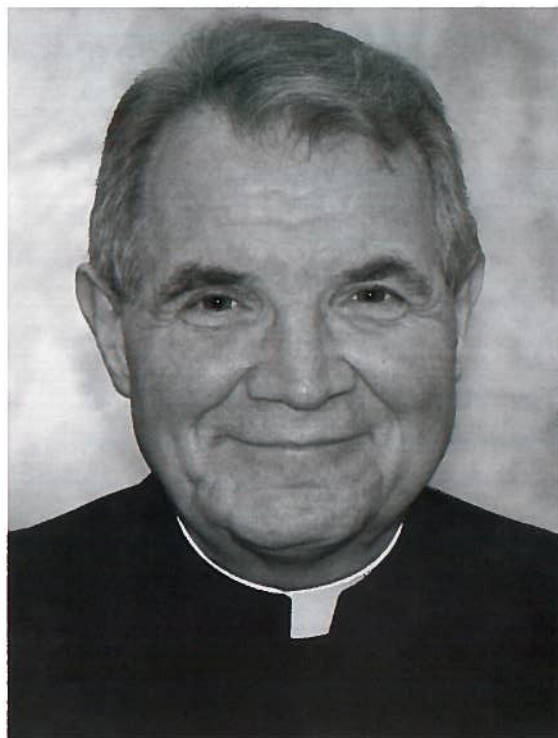
He earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Fitchburg State College in 1968. From 1967 to 1975 he was an actor and later associate producer at Eugene S. Cassassa's High Tor Summer Theater.

He taught in the Leominster school system from 1968 to 1970 and again in 1980 and 1981. He taught at Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg from 1972 to 1979 and was headmaster from 1976 to 1978. He taught at University High School in San Diego, Cal., from 1979 to 1980. He also completed graduate study in theater, speech and drama in 1971 at the University of Kansas.

He studied for the priesthood at the Theological College of Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., from 1981 to 1985 and received a Master's of Divinity degree.

He was ordained a priest on June 8, 1985, by Bishop Harrington in St. Paul Cathedral.

He was named associate pastor of Our Lady



**Rev. Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**

**ORDAINED | JUNE 8, 1985**

**DIED | SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

**YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD | 30**

of the Angels Parish, Worcester, on June 21, 1985. On Aug. 12, 1988, he was appointed a member of the Priests' Personnel Board. He served as associate pastor of Holy Angels Parish, Upton, from June 30, 1989, until Feb. 22, 1991, when he was named vicar for priests and administrator of St. John Vianney House.

In 1996 he was chosen by the Columbus Day Parade Committee to be grand marshal of the Columbus Day Parade in Worcester.

He was named secretary to the bishop in February 2001. He was appointed temporary administrator of Our Lady of Loreto in No-

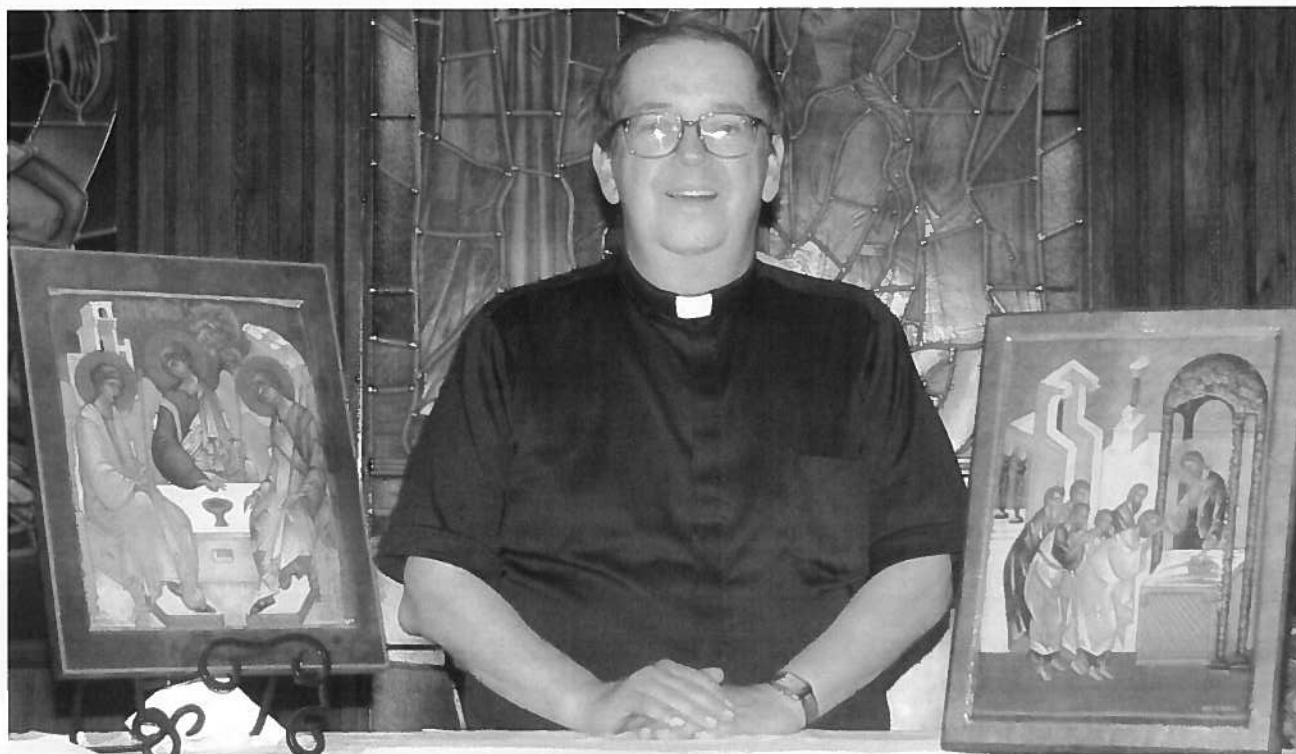
vember 2005, while remaining Vicar for Priests. In July of 2006 he began serving as Director of Priest Personnel, while remaining as temporary administrator of Our Lady of Loreto.

He was named pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-St. Ann Parish on June 30, 2007, while remaining director of priest personnel before resigning that position on July 1, 2008.

He was named a prelate of honor with the title of monsignor on February 26, 2009, and was invested in Aug. 14, 2009. He retired Oct. 12, 2012.

At the time of his death he had been helping at St. John Parish, Temple Street, Worcester.

# IN MEMORIAM



Father Frank J. Liistro, Jr., was the son of the late Frank and Stella (Lempek) Liistro, Sr.

He graduated from New Britain High School in 1964 and entered Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Conn., completing his priestly studies at Christ the King Seminary in Olean, NY.

Father Frank was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 1, 1974.

He served the People of God in the parishes of St. Bernard, Worcester (1974-76); St. Anthony de Padua, Fitchburg (1976-80); Sacred Heart, Webster (1980-81); St. Anna, Leominster (1981-85); Sacred Heart, Gardner (1987-90); St. Anne, Manchaug, as pastor (1990-94); Madonna of the Holy Rosary, Fitchburg, as pastor (1994-2010).

In 2005, he was also appointed pastor of Sacred Heart, Fitchburg, while remaining as pastor of

**Father Frank J. Liistro, Jr.**

**ORDAINED | JUNE 1, 1974**

**DIED | January 26, 2013**

**YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD | 38**

Madonna. He retired in 2010 due to health concerns.

Father Frank had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to St. Francis of Assisi, serving as chaplain to the Secular Franciscans who meet at

Madonna of the Holy Rosary Hall. Two of his greatest moments in priesthood were the first of many times he celebrated Mass at the tomb of St. Francis in Assisi and in the Basilica (Santuario) of Our Lady of the Rosary in Pompei, Italy. Father Frank was very proud of his Italian-Polish heritage which he celebrated with many trips to Italy and Poland. He was especially endeared to Our Lady of Czestochowa and to La Madonna del Santo Rosario.

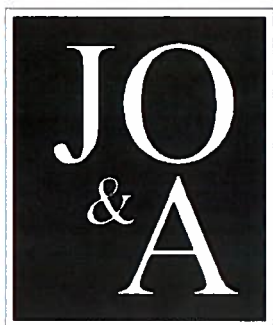
Father Frank was also an expert in the spirituality and history of Russian icons, a subject upon which he gave several lectures in the area.





*For they {i.e. priests} who inhabit the earth and make their abode there are entrusted with the administration of things which are in Heaven, and have received an authority which God has not given to angels or archangels.*

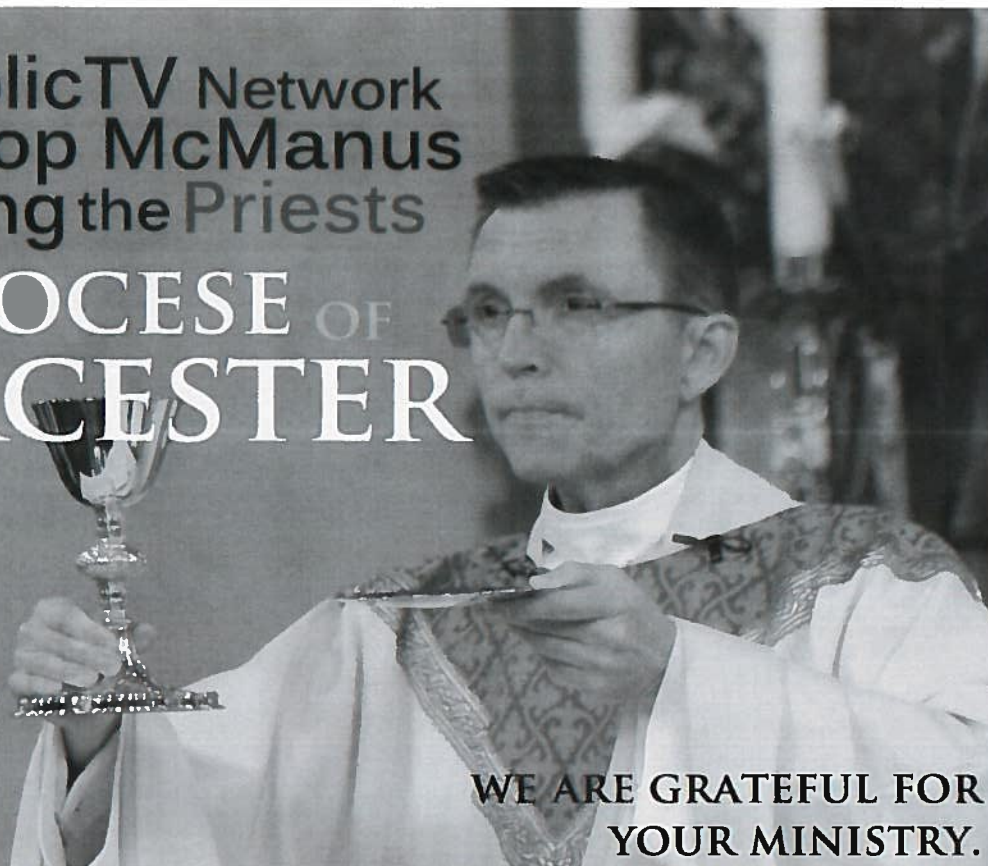
~ ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM  
ON THE PRIESTHOOD



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**REV. RICHARD T. CAREY**

Ordained: February 13, 1965

Died: February 22, 2016

Years of Priesthood: 51

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**REV. WILLIAM G. O'BRIEN**

Ordained: June 24, 1951

Died: April 6, 2016

Years of Priesthood: 64

**REV. GEORGE H. HILL**

Ordained: May 23, 1968

Died: September 14, 2016

Years of Priesthood: 48

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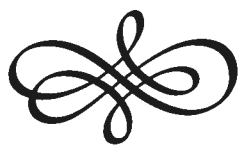
**REV. JOSEPH F. SZWACH**

Ordained: May 21, 1955

Died: December 8, 2015

Years of Priesthood: 60

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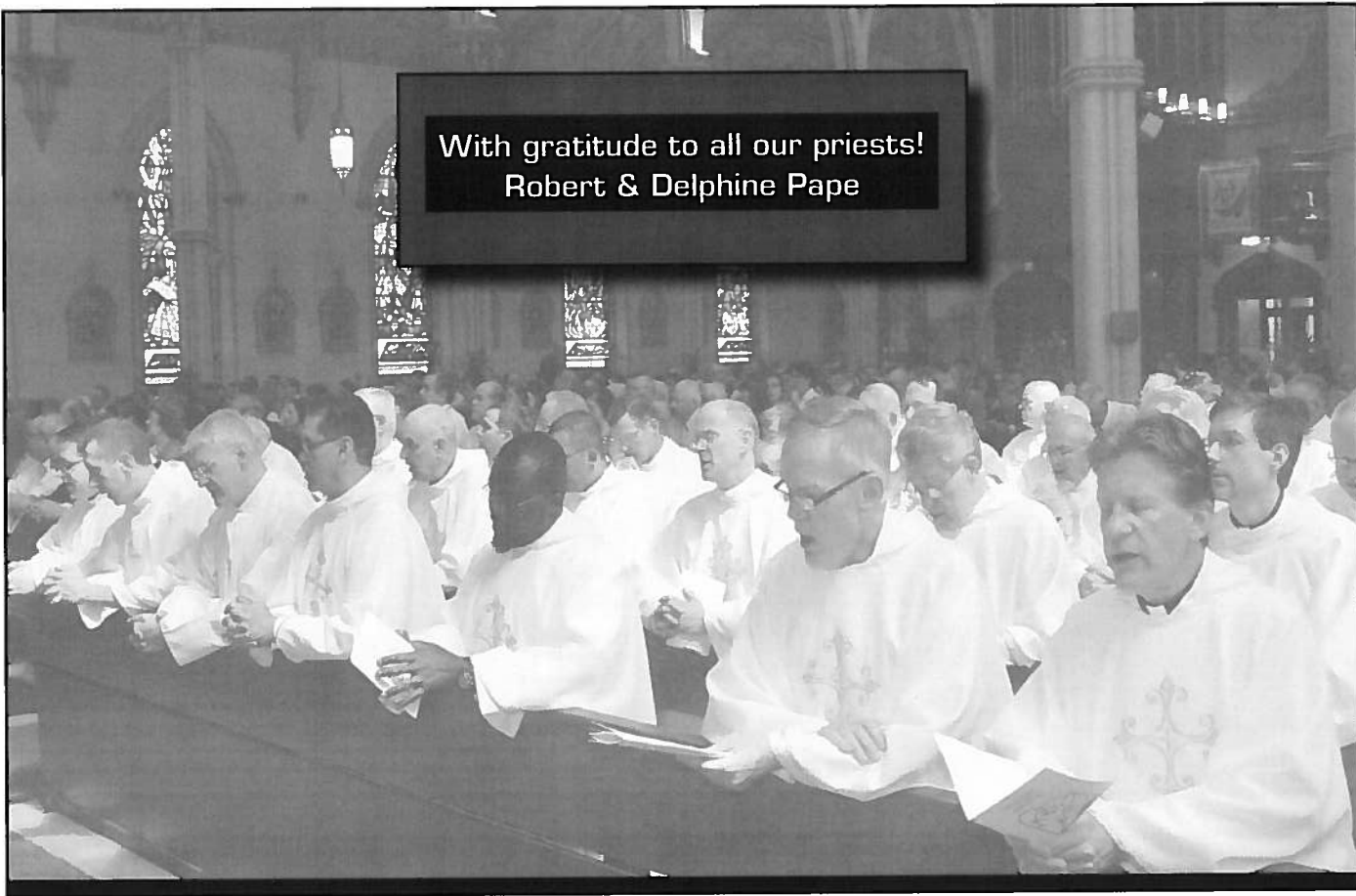
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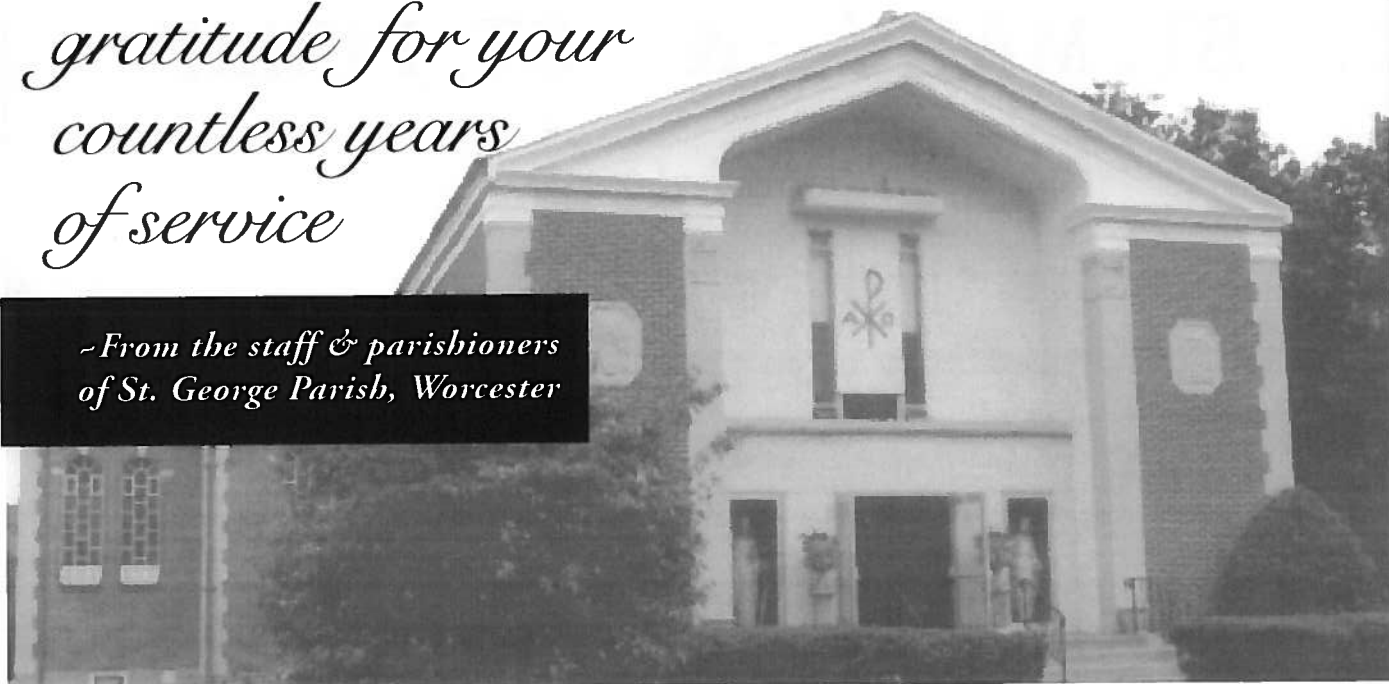


(L-R) Brian Ashmankas (2 Pre-Theology), Derek Mobilio (1 Pre-Theology), Msgr. James Moroney (Rector, St. John's Seminary), Lucas LaRoche (2 Pre-Theology) (Missing from the photo is John LaRochelle (2 Pre-Theology))



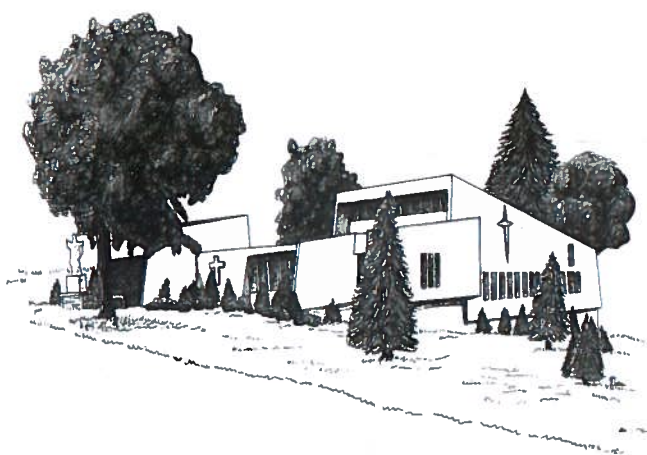
*To our retired priests  
with sincere  
gratitude for your  
countless years  
of service*

*~From the staff & parishioners  
of St. George Parish, Worcester*



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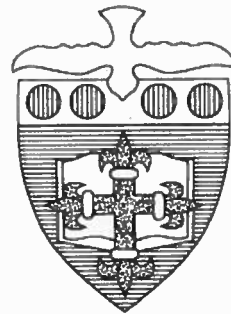
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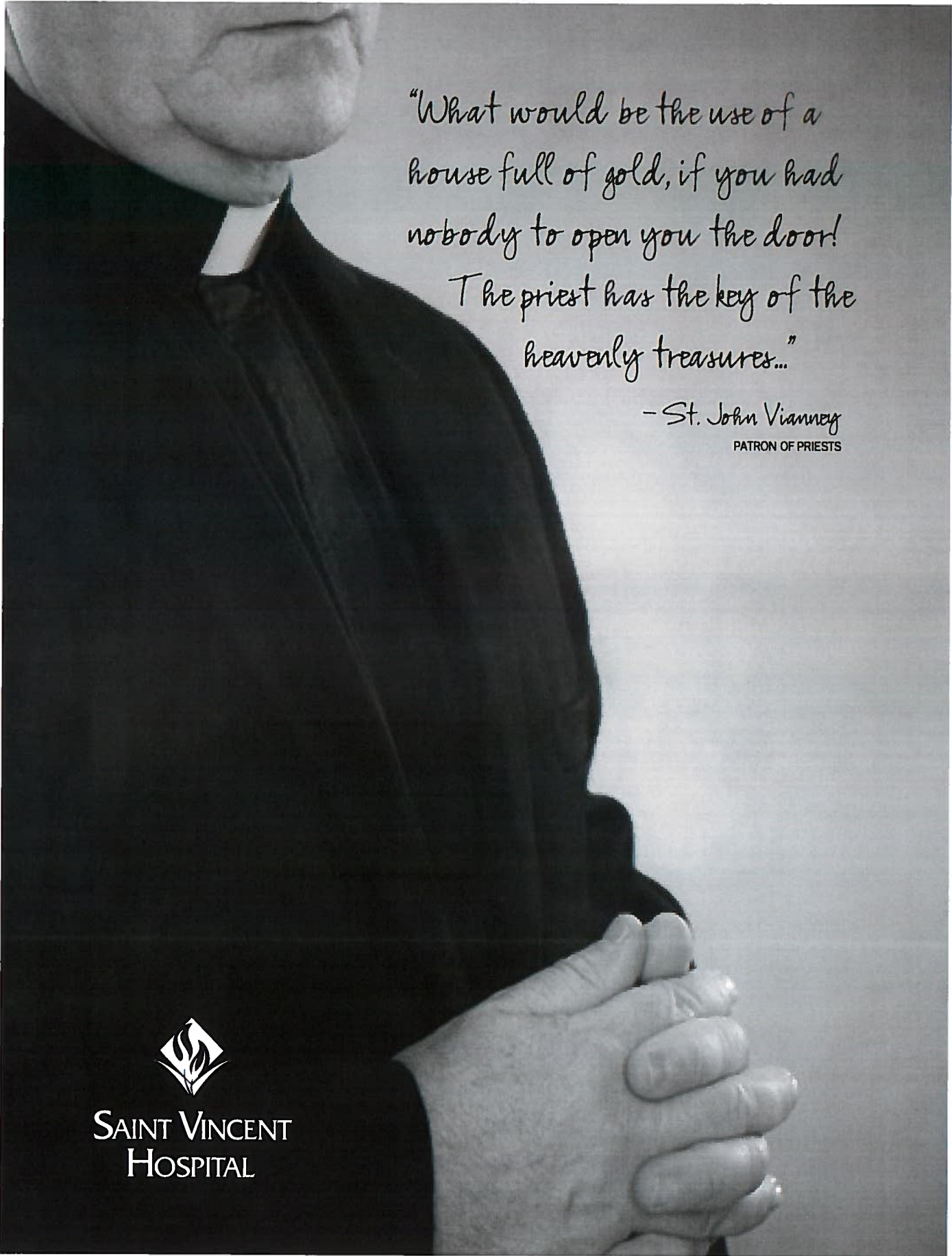
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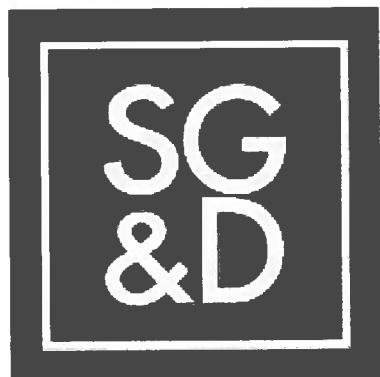


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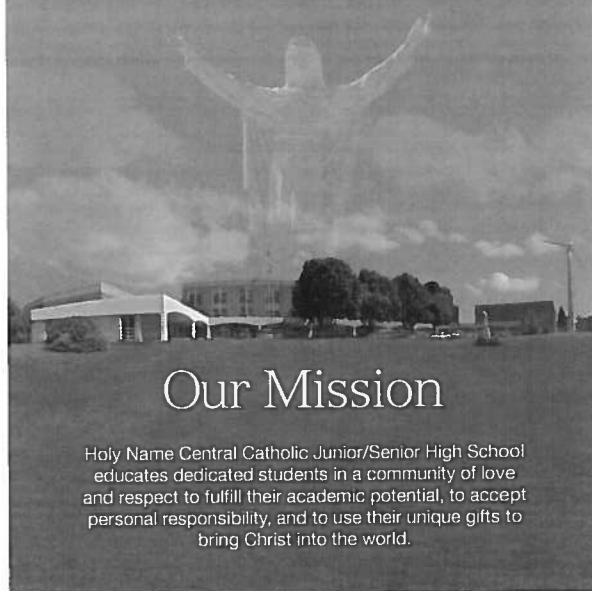
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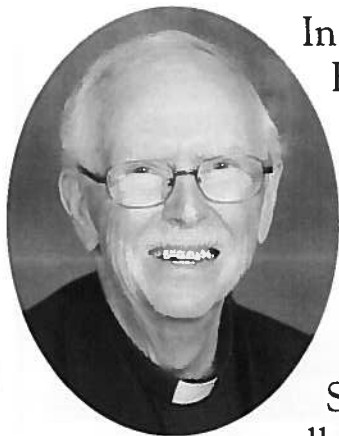
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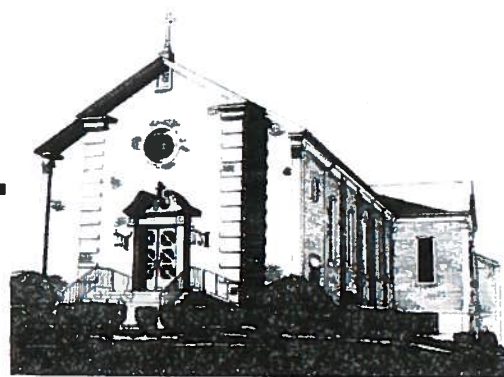
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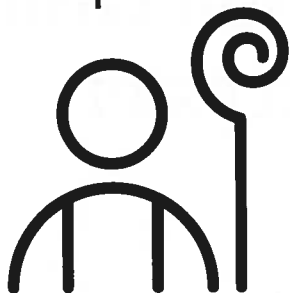
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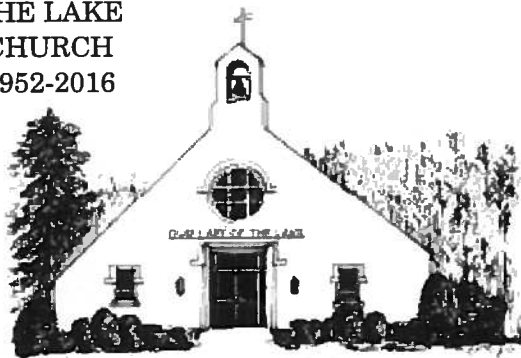
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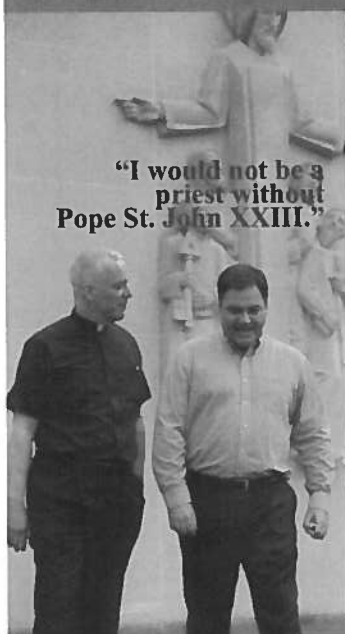
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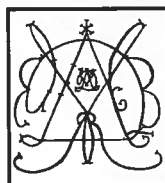


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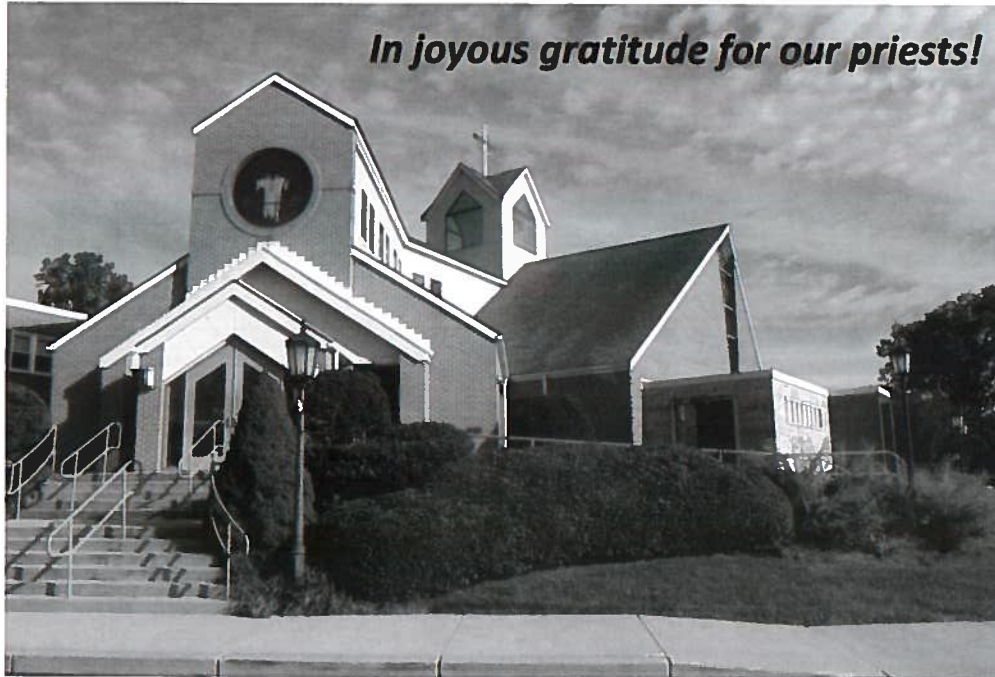
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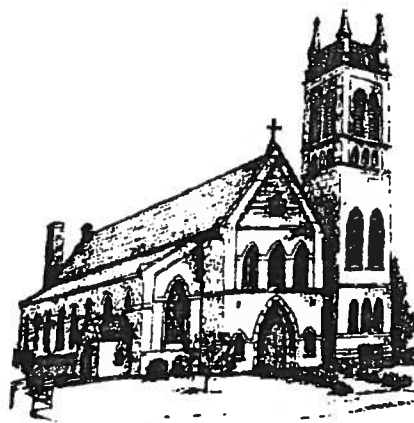




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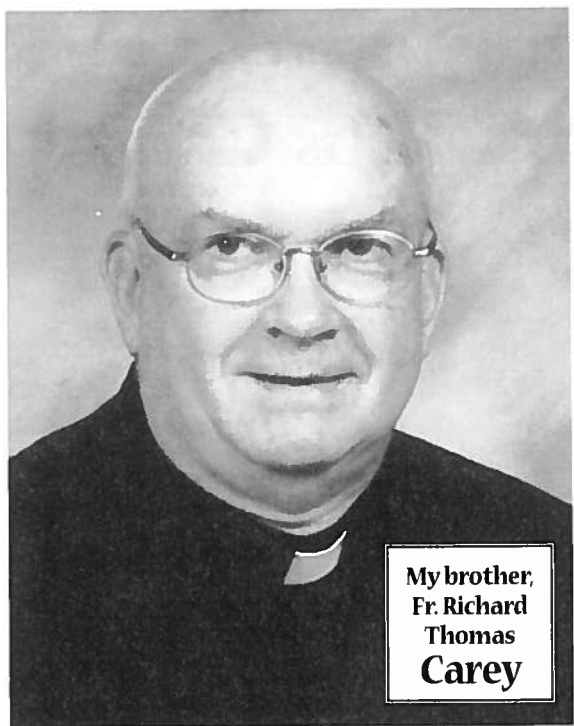
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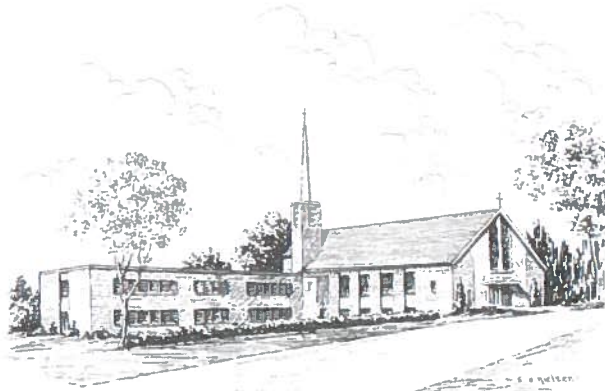
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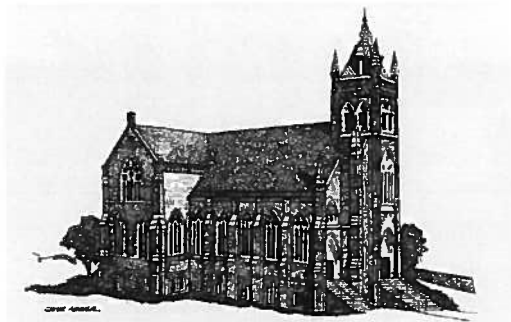
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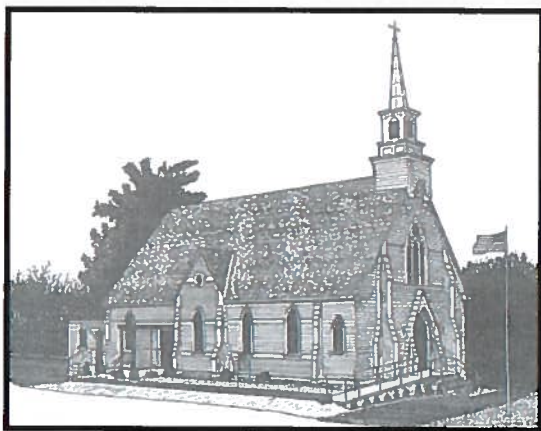
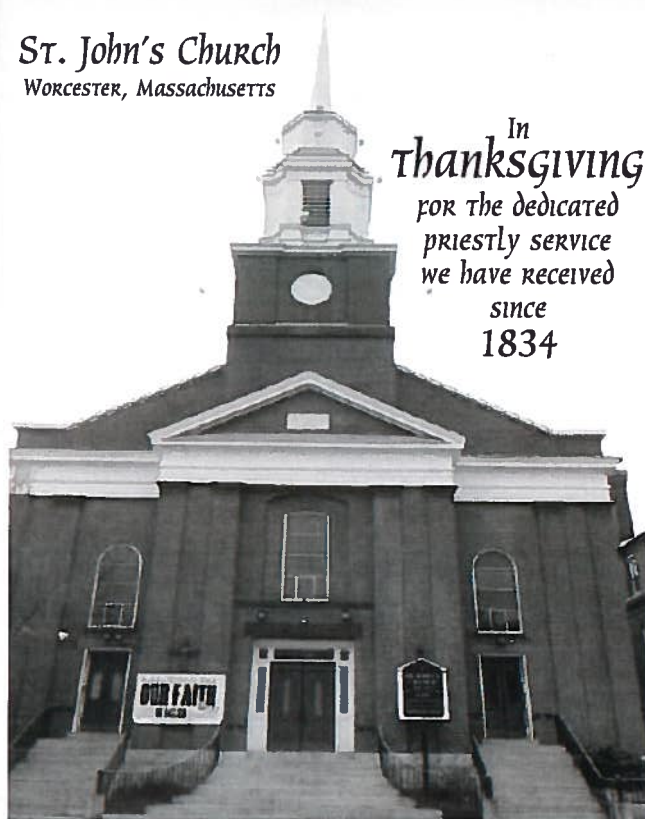
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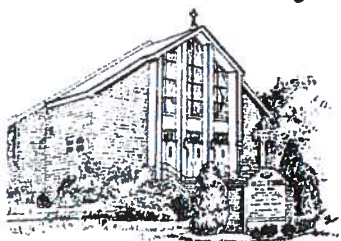
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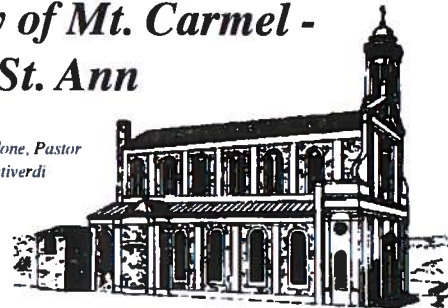


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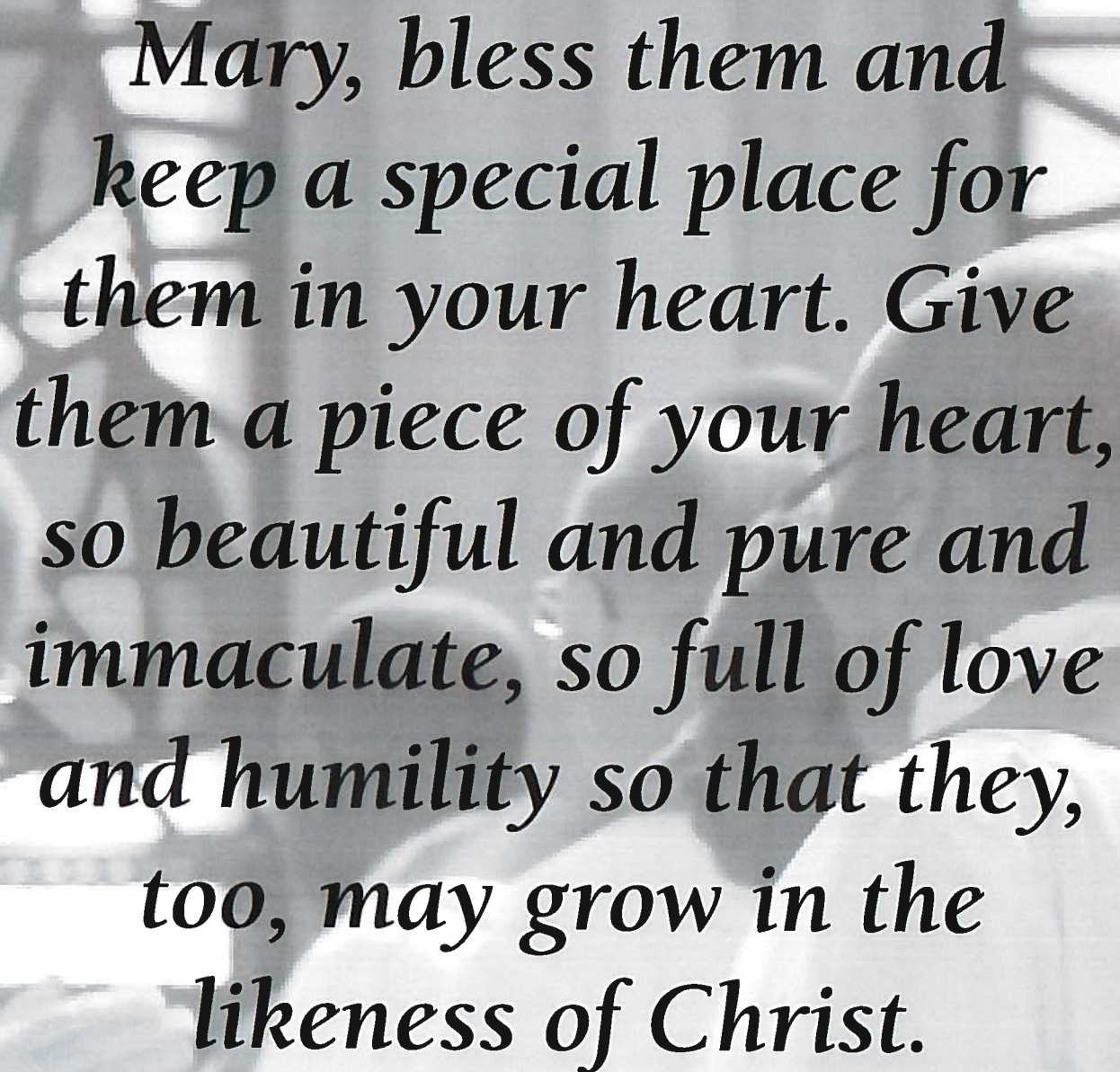
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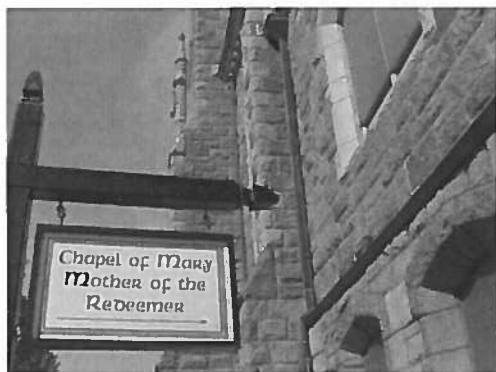
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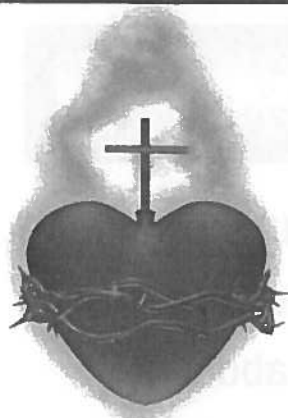


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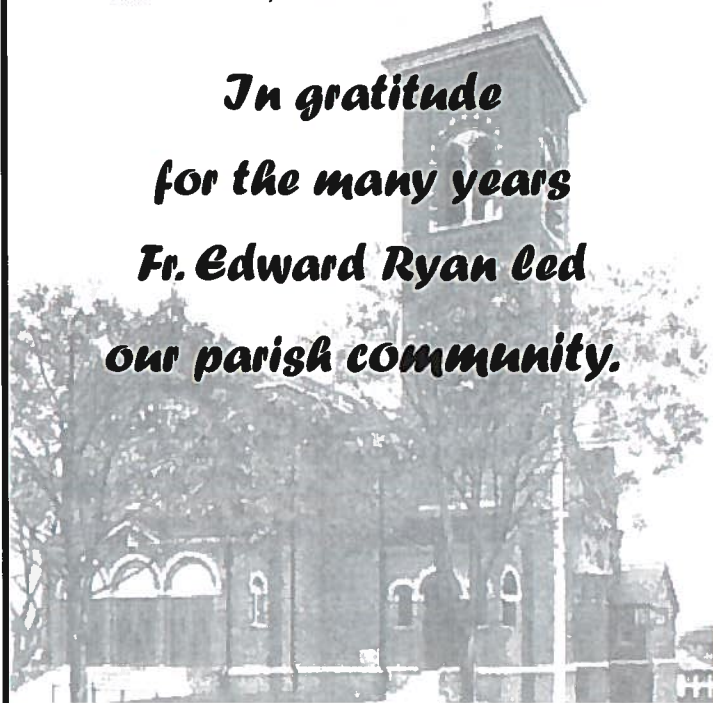
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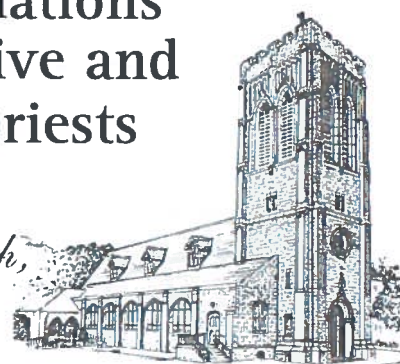
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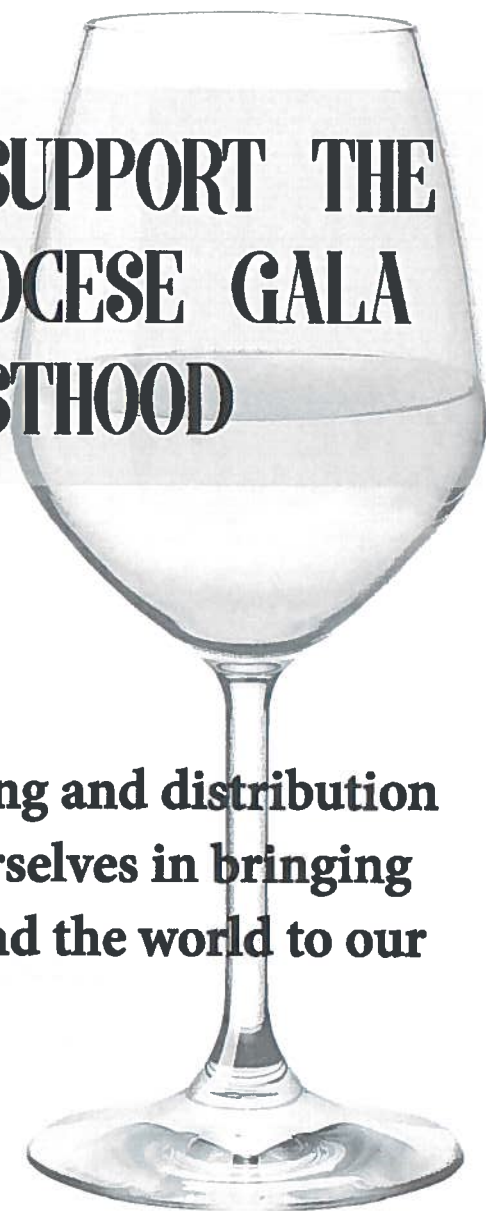
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