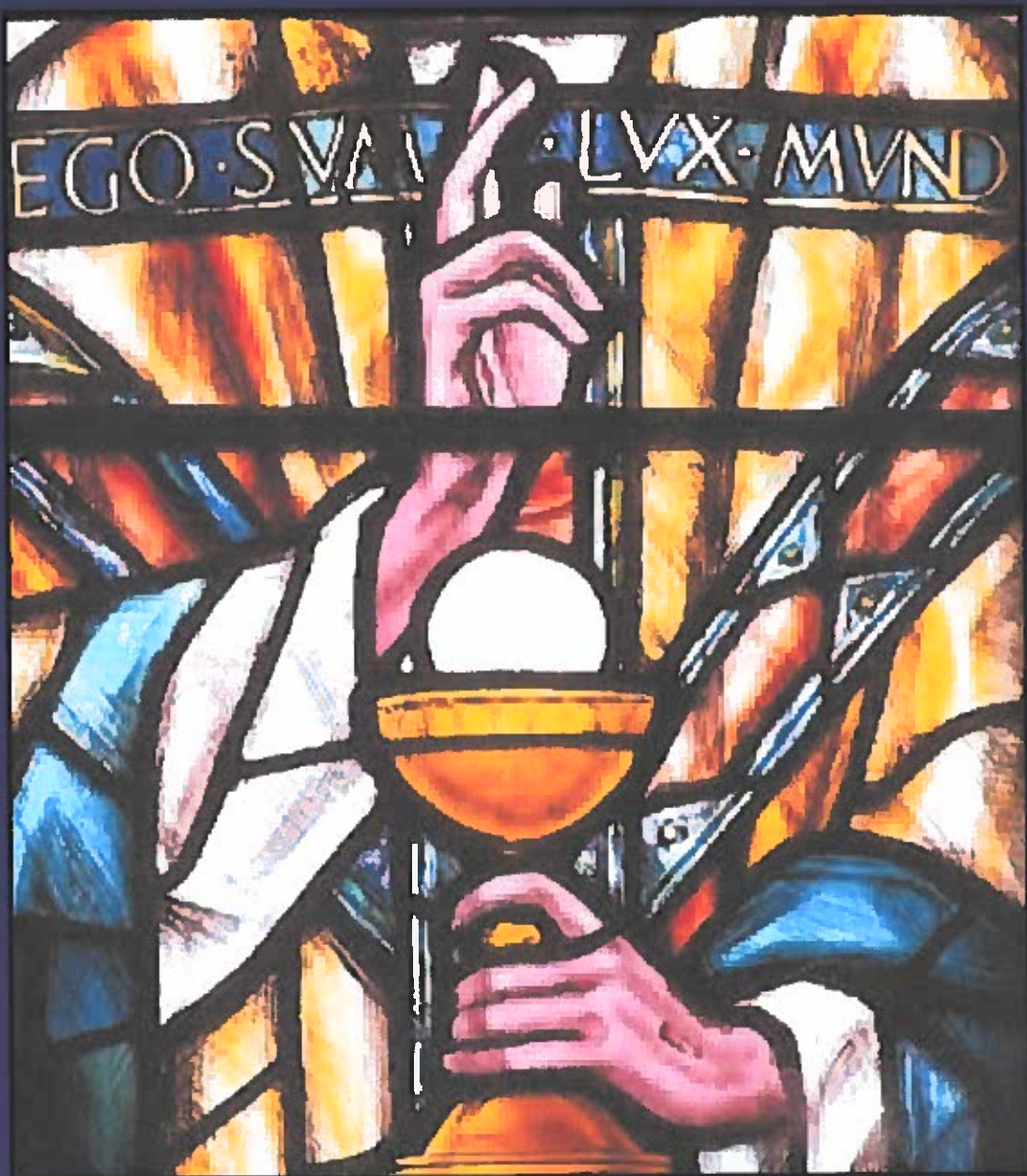


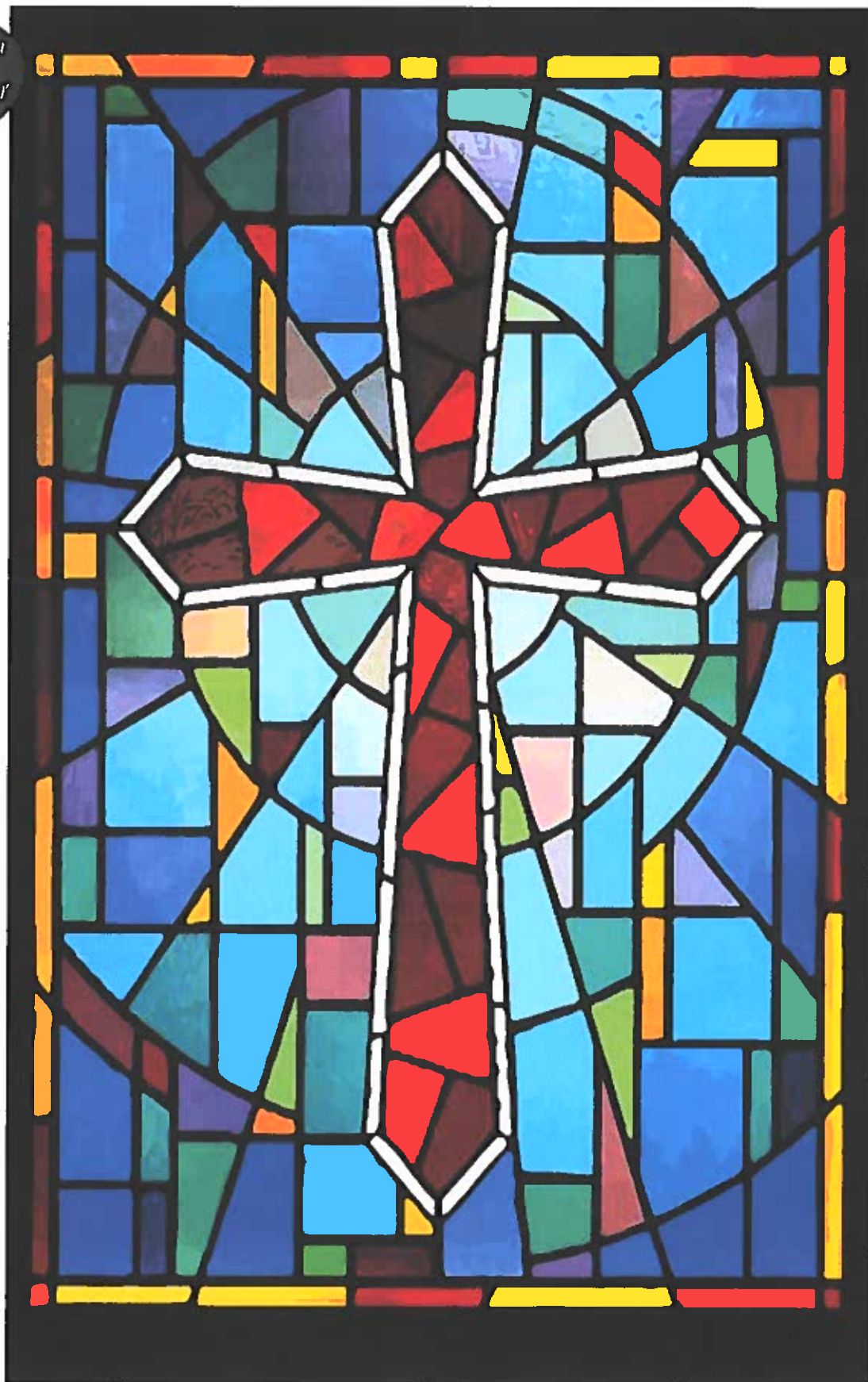
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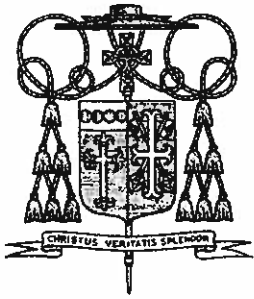


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October 19, 2017

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to our fourth annual gala celebration of the diocesan priesthood in the Diocese of Worcester.

As we share in fellowship tonight, we are so grateful to St. Vincent Hospital for providing us with this wonderful setting once again for *Tastes of the Diocese* and to the many food and beverage providers including some of our own parishes. It is our hope that you will enjoy their good food and refreshments along with having an opportunity to visit and reminisce with the many priests who are with us this evening.

We gather to celebrate the contributions that so many priests, both active and retired, have made 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.

Proceeds from tonight's event benefit the Priests' Retirement Fund, along with bequests received in recent years designating this fund. 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 care in their senior years with dignity.

Once again we are very grateful to our sponsors who are all listed in this program, along with the many advertisers as well as the donors who could not be with us tonight. I also wish to add my gratitude to those who made significant donations in memory of deceased priests or in honor of priests who still serve our parishioners. Their generosity was key to tonight's successful results which surpassed the last three years.

Join with me in making this evening a tribute to the love and devotion we all share for our priests. May we frequently and fervently 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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Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
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A Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priests' Retirement Fund.

PROGRAM

Welcome 5:30 pm

Raymond Delisle
Chancellor

Invocation

Msgr. Richard E. Collette
Ordained June 22, 1952

Video & Presentation 7:00 pm

Reflections 7:15 pm

Most Rev. Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

In Memoriam

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

Benediction

Rev. Stephen Lundrigan
Ordained June 20, 2015

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Most Rev. Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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TASTE OF THE DIOCESE TABLES

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

Bottled water available at all wine tables

Table 1



Struck Catering

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seared chicken, apple and cheddar cakes

Table 2



Garden Fresh

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Cheese selections & crudité's

Table 3

Red Wine

Table 4

White Wine



Table 5



O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar

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Shillelagh sticks

Table 6



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Spencer Ales and Lagers

see list on page 40

Table 7



Kyoto Bar & Grill

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sushi and appetizers

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Table 8

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish

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Pierogis and kielbasa

Table 9



Eller's Restaurant

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Table 10



Bushel 'N Peck

Lobster Corn Chowder

Meatball sliders

Table 11

Red Wine



Table 12

White Wine

Table 13

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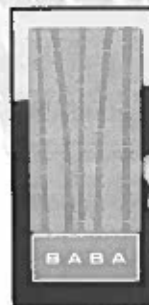
Table 14

St. Cecilia Parish

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French Meat Pie

Table 15



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Table 17



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*Herb Encrusted Tenderloin over garlic mashed
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Peanut Butter Balls and Mint Chocolate Brownies

Table 18

Book Signing with Msgr. Collette

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Table 19

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Homemade Haitian delicacies

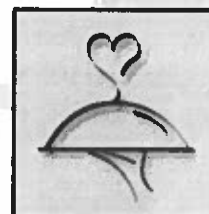
Table 20



Figs and Pigs

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Tastings

Table 21



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Table 22



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THE ONGOING NEED IN THE PRIESTS' RETIREMENT 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 care for retired priests exceeded available resources by an average of \$1 million per year. While a committee continues to work on reducing expenses without sacrificing quality of care, the need for additional funding sources 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 nearly 25 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.

You are invited to make a gift to the Priests' Retirement Fund *at any time during the year* to honor a priest who helped you or your family, and have it listed on an online. Visit worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood.

Consider making a Legacy Gift to the Retired Priests' Fund in your estate planning so that you make a long-term difference in the care of our retired priests. Visit worcesterdiocese.plannedgiving.org for more information.

May God bless our senior priests, retired bishops and priests

Retired Bishops



Most Reverend
Daniel P. Reilly,
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*You cannot recall
one single blessing from God
without finding, side by side
with this recollection, the
image of the priest.*

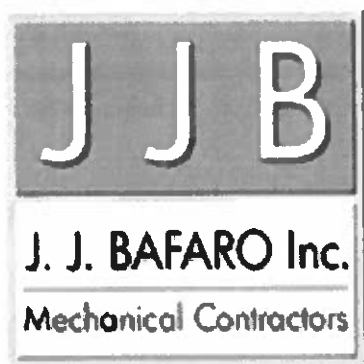
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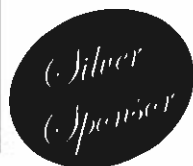
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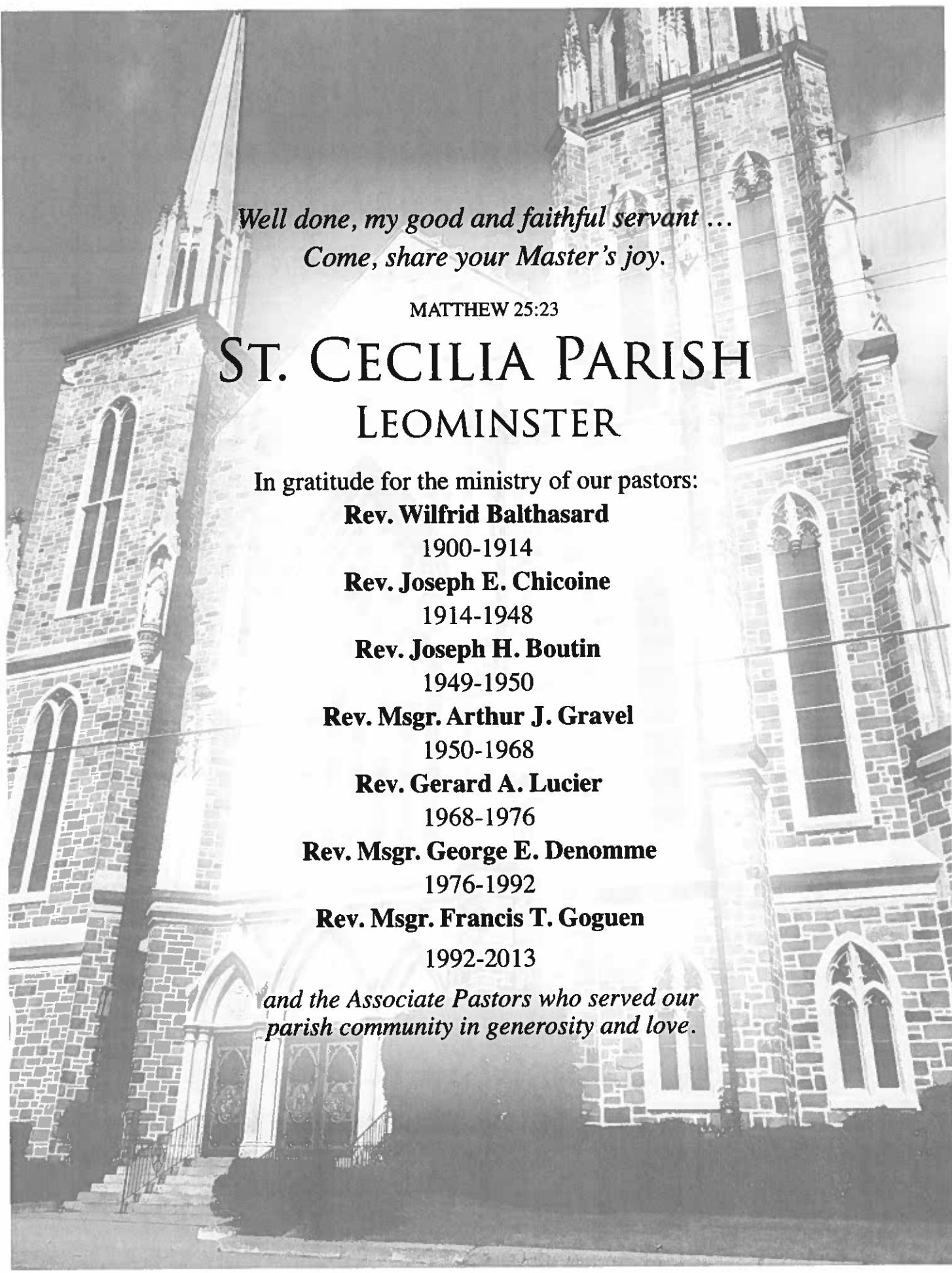
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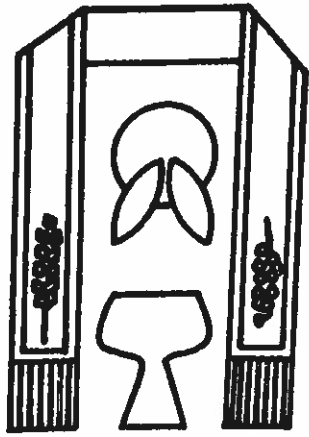
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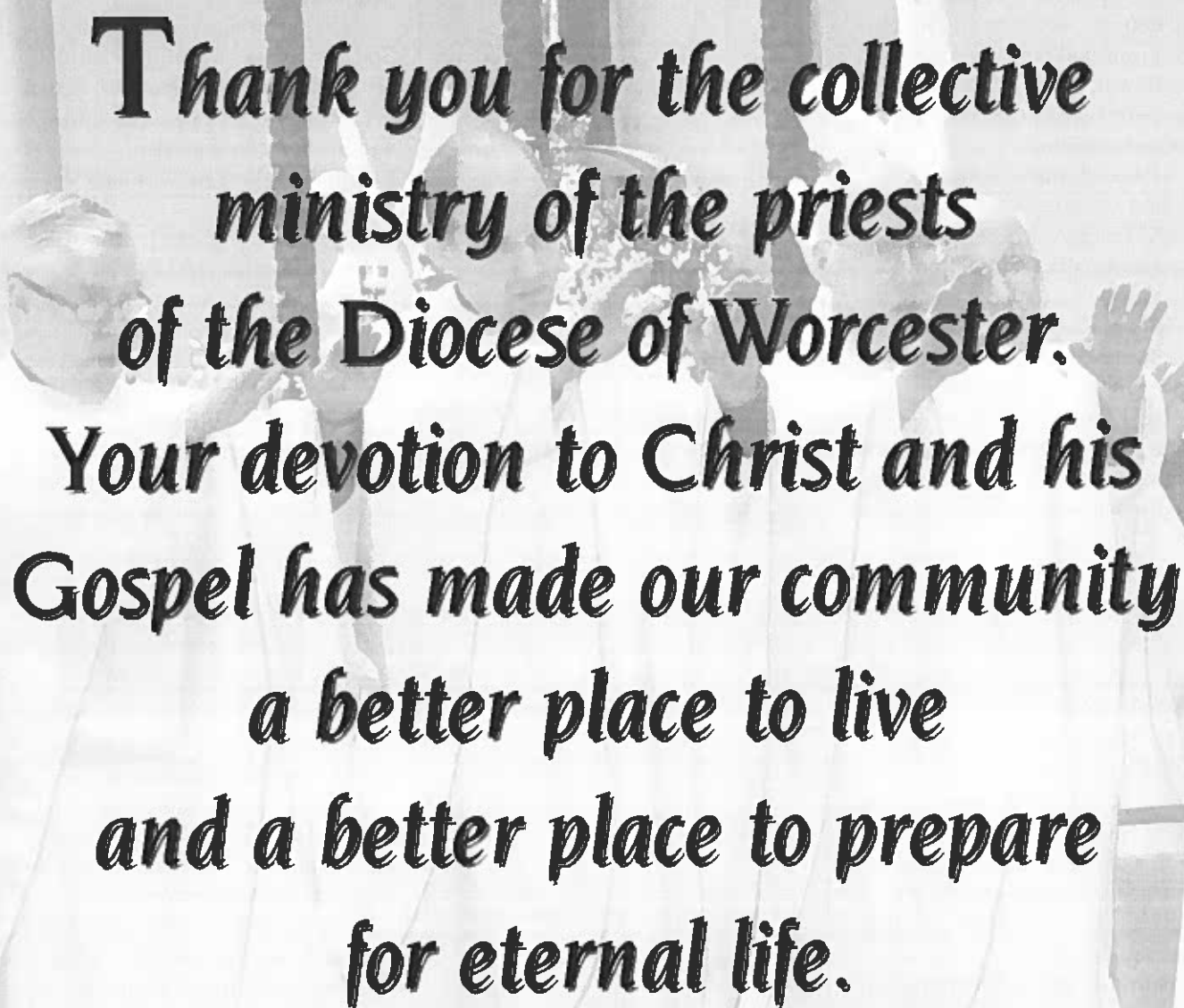
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CELEBRATING PRIESTHOOD

How can you help as a retired priest? Ask Msgr. Richard Collette and you will get some great answers. His recently published book, "Shepherds for my People," seeks to stimulate vocations and boost morale for priests still active. And all the proceeds benefit the Priests' Retirement Fund.

His book shares some wonderful reflections: bringing a would-be convert to his knees – unintentionally; helping relay what might be called a guardian angel's message; and seeing the vocation of parenting through those who live it heroically.

His hope is that "these special stories will inspire and amuse his brother priests as well as the people that he has been blessed to serve," the book says.



**MSGR. RICHARD COLLETTE
ORDAINED – JUNE 22, 1952**

YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD - 65

Born in 1927 in Spencer, he attended Assumption Preparatory School and Assumption College and studied for the priesthood in Montreal, Canada.

He was ordained at St. Mary, Spencer by Bishop John J. Wright. He served at Sacred Heart of Jesus, Webster, Notre Dame, Southbridge and St. Francis of Assisi, Fitchburg, where he was later the pastor

In 1979 he became pastor of St. Philip in Grafton. In 1985 he became pastor of Immaculate Conception in Fitchburg, from which he retired in 2001. He was named a monsignor in 1992.

Stop by his table tonight or look for Msgr. Collette as he continues to visit parishes to share his stories and promote his book to help care for his brother priests.

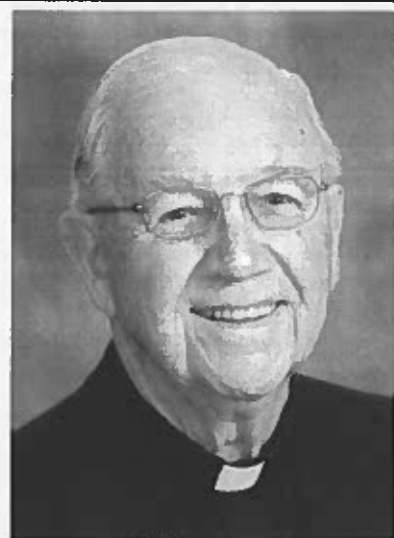
A LEGACY OF GIVING

Fr. Normand Tremblay was known as a priest who was always giving of his time and his talents, and after his death, even his treasure. He left a bequest to the Priests' Retirement Fund to help care for his brother priests in their senior years.

Born in 1927 in Southbridge, he graduated from Joliette High School and Joliette College in Joliette, Canada. He studied at the Grand Seminaire in Montreal, Canada.

In 1953, Bishop John J. Wright ordained him to the priesthood at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Southbridge. He served as a priest for 64 years

Fr. Tremblay's assignments included St. James in South Grafton, St. Rose of Lima,



**FR. J. NORMAND TREMBLAY
ORDAINED – JUNE 4, 1953**

**DIED – JUNE 23, 2017
YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD - 64**

Northborough; St. Mary, Spencer; and St. Theresa, Blackstone.

In 1961 he was named assistant director to Catholic Charities and was chaplain to McAuley Nazareth home for Boys, director of Our Lady of the Way in Worcester and director of the Southbridge office of Catholic Charities. He has a Masters in Social Work from Boston College.

He was pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, Southbridge and St. Anthony of Padua, Dudley, before serving for 25 years as Senior Priest in Charlton.

We will always be grateful to Fr. Tremblay for his many years of dedicated service to the people of God, and to his bequest of support of the care of our retired diocesan priests.

IN MEMORIAM

The year was 1950 and Philip D. McNamara, was finishing preparations to be part of the first class of priests ordained by then Bishop John Wright at the Cathedral of St. Paul in the newly erected Diocese of Worcester.

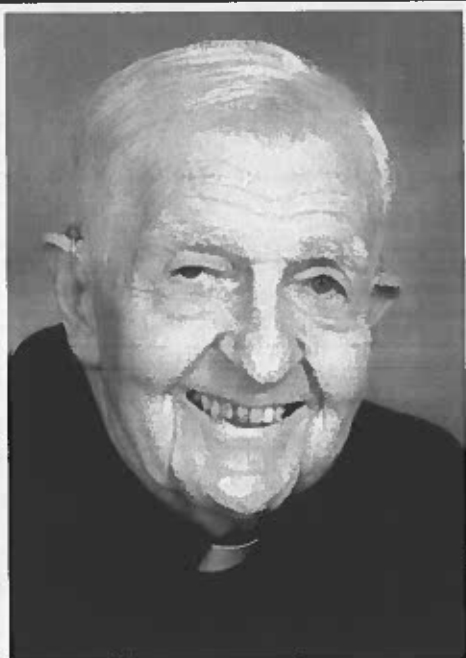
Born Aug. 29, 1923 in Boston, he was the son of Michael J. and Catherine A (McPhee) McNamara. He graduated in 1941 from Clinton High School then studied for the priesthood at St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md., the Seminaire de Philosophie and the Grand Seminaire, Montreal.

He was appointed an associate at St. Patrick Parish, Whitinsville in 1950; at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Clinton, in 1951; and St. Joseph's Parish, Leicester, July 14, 1952. At the time of his retirement, he recalled that, while in Leicester, he visited the McAuley-Nazareth Home for Boys nearby. A nun had many of the boys do work in a garden there. The garden didn't thrive, Father McNamara said, but the boys did. "That was her garden," he said.

In 1954 the diocese gave him permission to join the Air Force as a chaplain. He was commissioned a first lieutenant and spent some of the time in Korea.

In an interview with The Catholic Free Press, he spoke of bringing Christmas to a small U.S. listening post on an island off the Korean coast, where it was bitter cold. His mother had sent him a box with Christmas lights and decorations and, "everything you could ask for to create the Christmas spirit."

After having celebrated Christmas Mass for the troops, a small group of Korean Catholic civilians asked him to celebrate Mass for them. Their chapel was unheated and, "by the time I got to the consecration, I couldn't feel my fingers, but my heart was warm." He would later write to his mother



**FR. PHILIP D. MCNAMARA
ORDAINED - MAY 18, 1950
DIED - NOVEMBER 2, 2016
YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD - 66**

"we had a wonderful Christmas. Your box did the trick."

He returned to the diocese in 1957 and was named associate at St. Pius X Parish in Leicester. In 1961, Fr. McNamara was named assistant director of Catholic Charities in 1961. In 1964 he completed graduate studies and received a master's degree at the Boston College School of Social Work.

On March 17, 1968, he was granted leave for service with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) on a refugee aid team in South Vietnam. He landed in Hue shortly after the North Vietnamese Tet offensive and saw extensive damage. He spent 18 months there, working in child welfare programs.

When he returned to the diocese in 1970 he was named pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Clinton. But in 1973 CRS called him again. "Once your name is on their list," he said, "you don't need to volunteer again." He worked in Cambodia from 1973 to 1975, directing CRS operations there. The Cambodian government awarded him the Medal of the Commander of Sowathara, one of the country's most prestigious medals. He was the first American to receive the award.

In 1975 he returned to the Worcester Diocese and worked with Catholic Charities for four years, then left for Thailand where he worked with CRS for one year. After returning to Catholic Charities in 1980 he was once again, asked by CRS in 1981 to serve in Thailand and Lebanon, where he was CRS director.

On his return to Worcester he resumed his duties as assistant director of Catholic Charities where he remained until he retired in 1993 at Southgate.

Father Philip D. McNamara, a priest for 43 years, died at the age of 93 on November 2, 2016.



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.

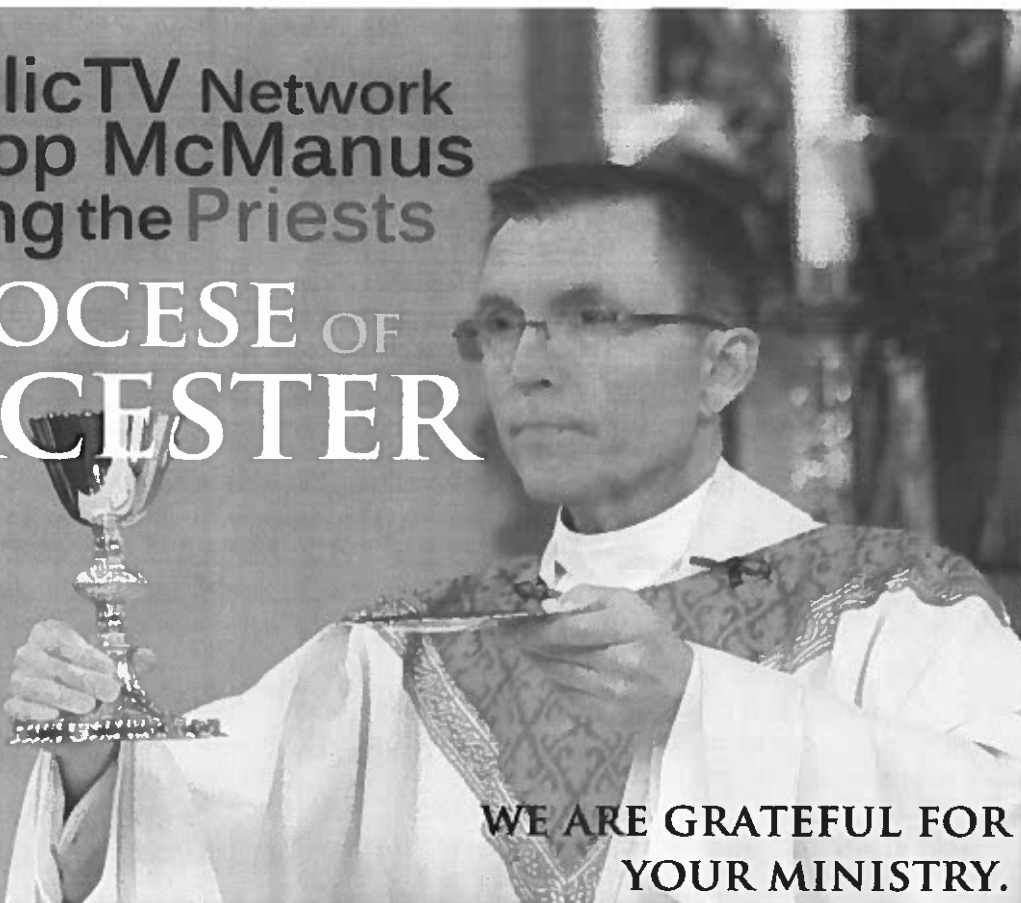
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Ordained: May 18, 1950

Died: November 2, 2016

Years of Priesthood: 66

REV. EUSIQUIO-ARRANZ MUNOZ

Ordained: December 19, 1964

Died: April 21, 2017

Years of Priesthood: 52

REV. EDWARD J. MORAN

Ordained: February 3, 1962

Died: February 4, 2017

Years of Priesthood: 55

REV. J. NORMAND TREMBLAY

Ordained: June 4, 1953

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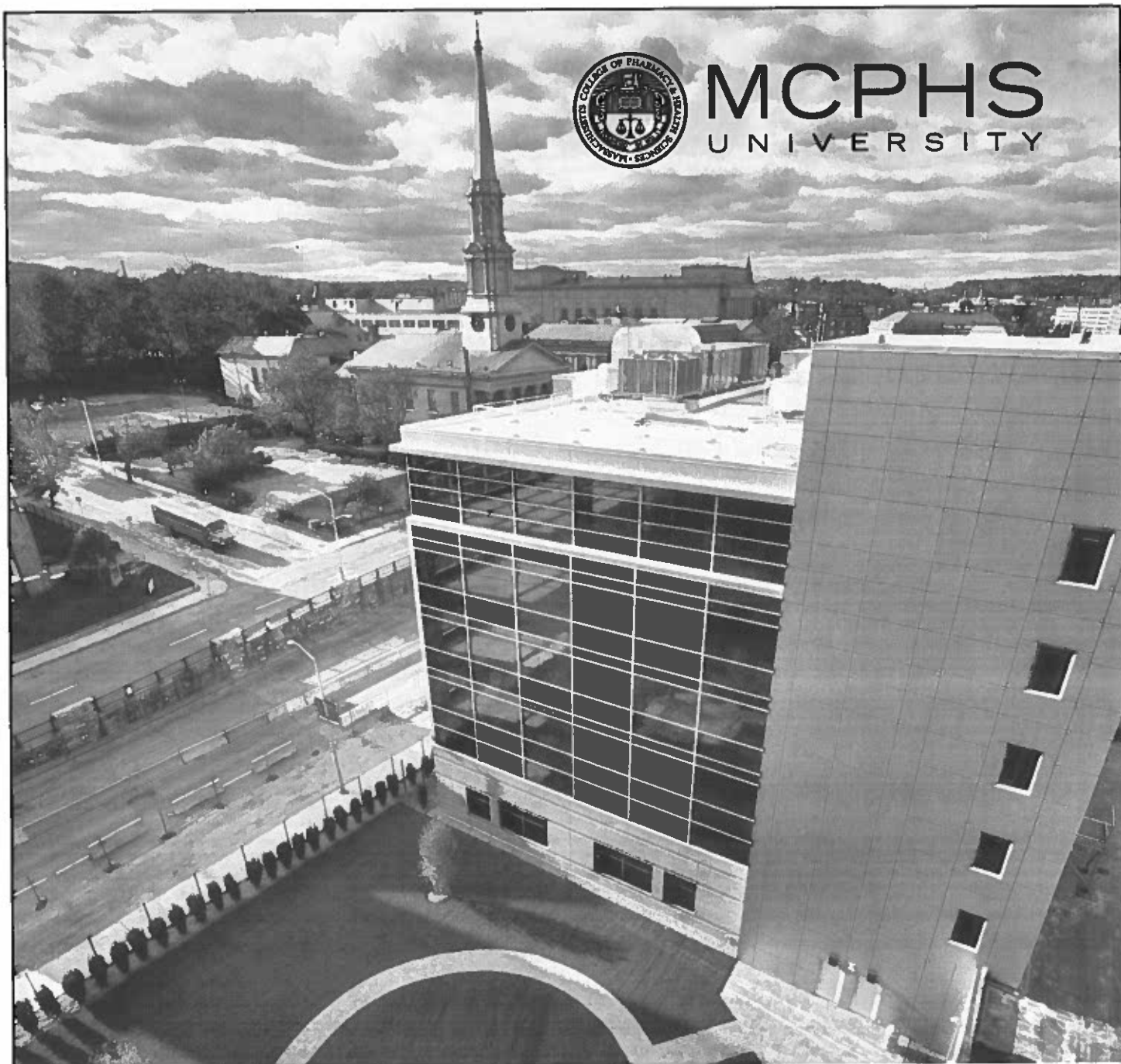
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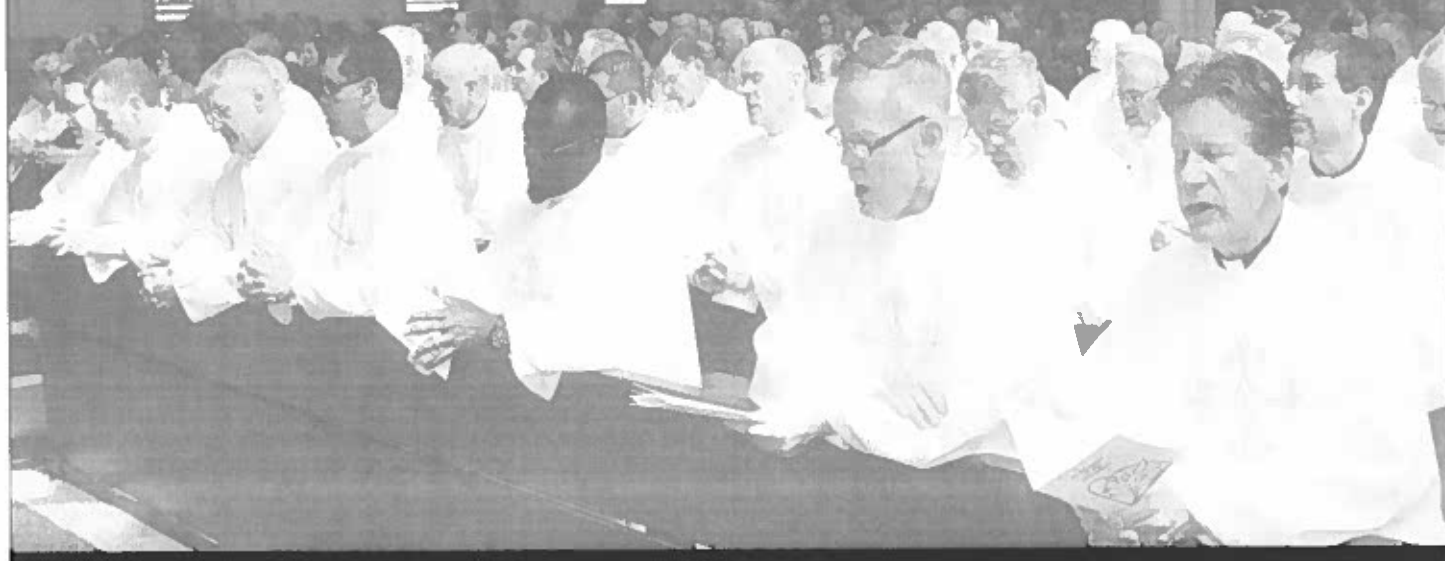
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Derek Mobilio (Pre-Theology II), John LaRochelle (Theology I), Sagar Gudinga (Theology III)

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With gratitude to all our priests!
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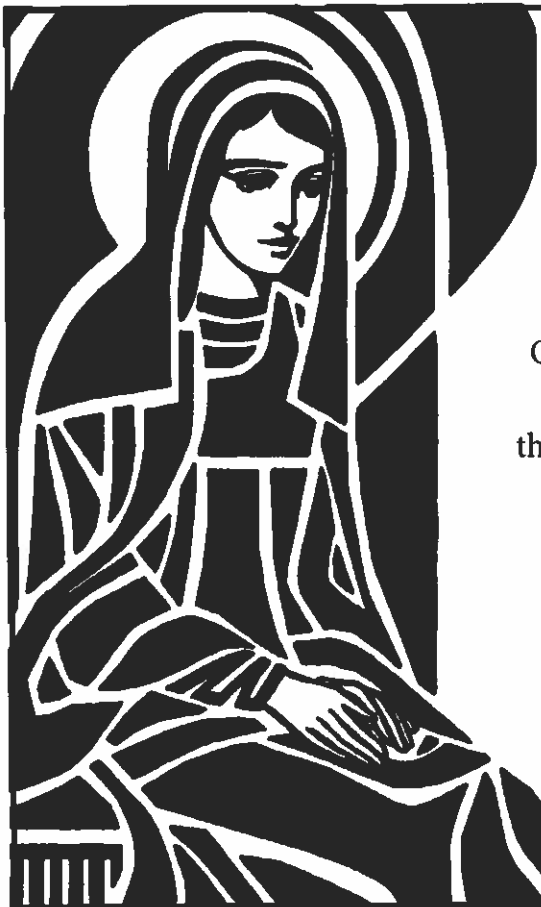
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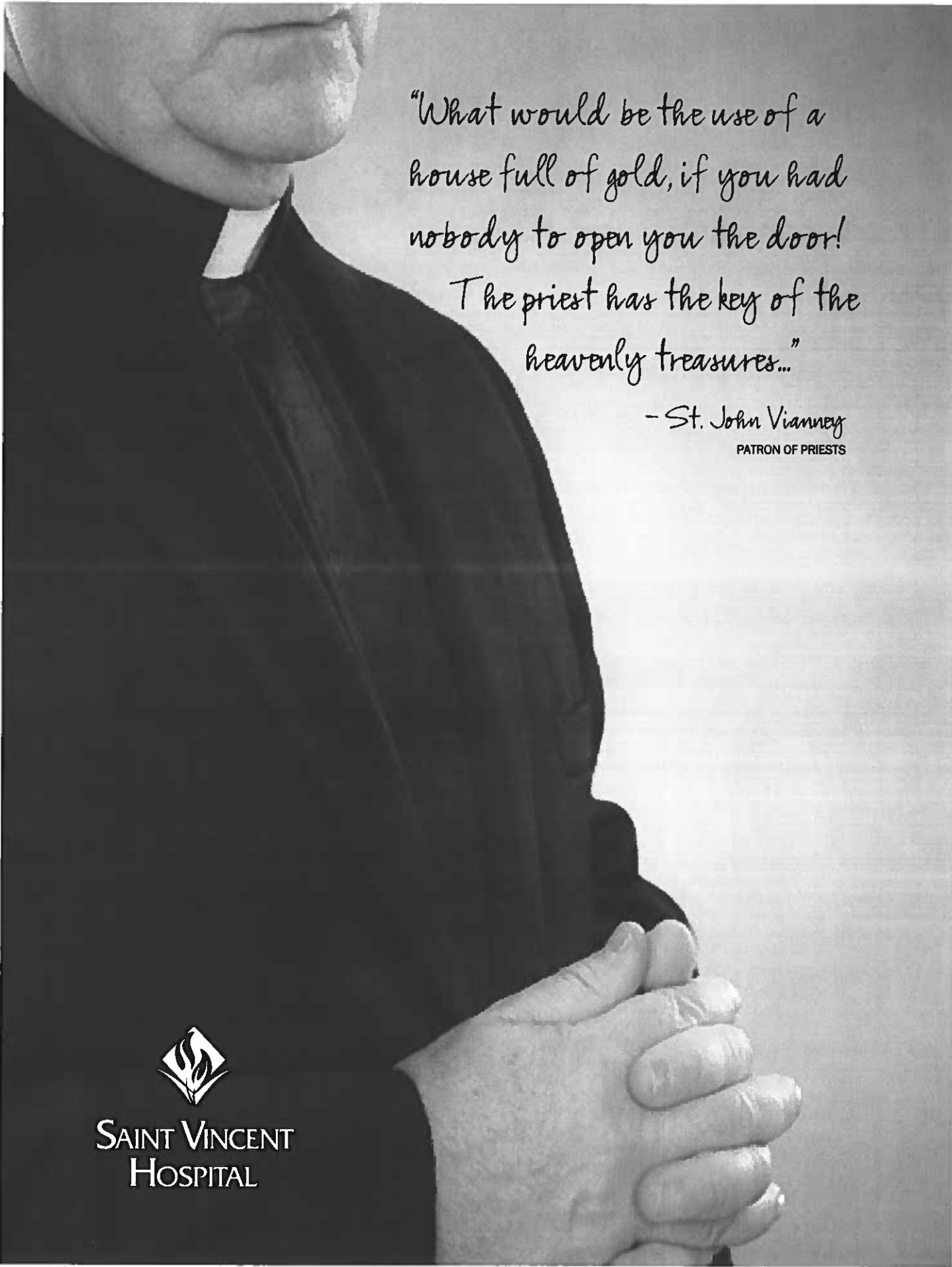


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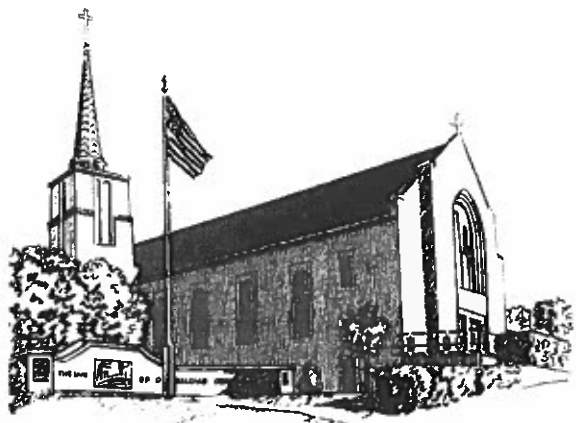




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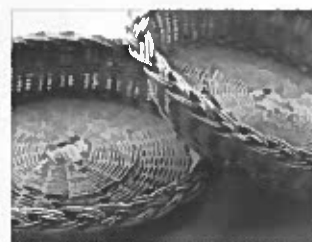
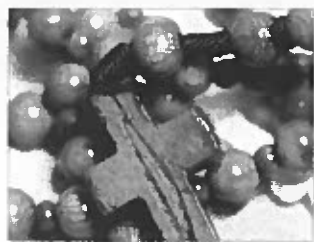
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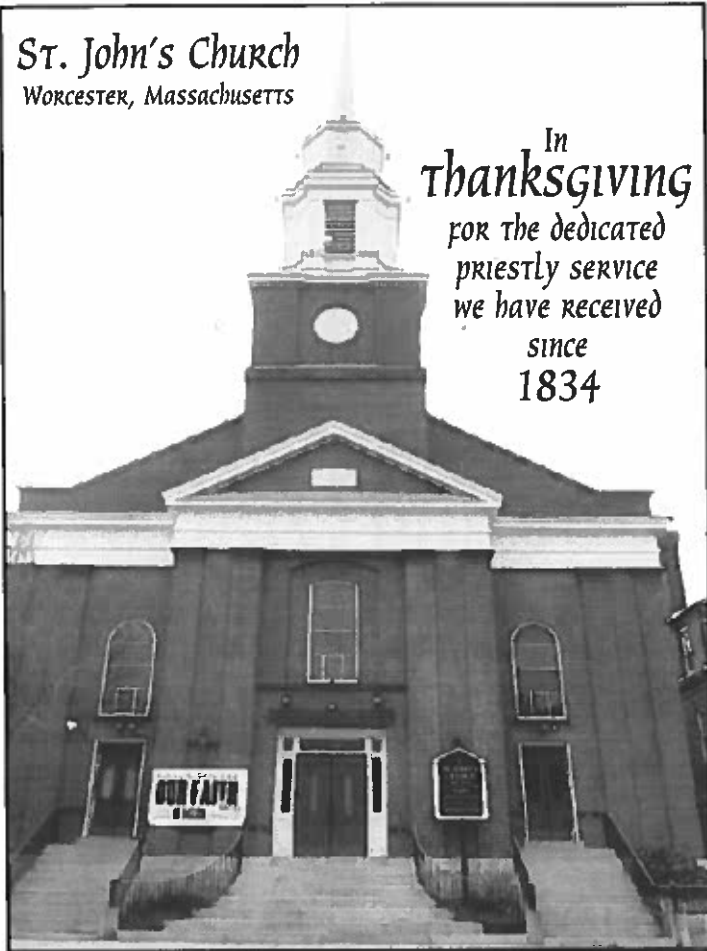
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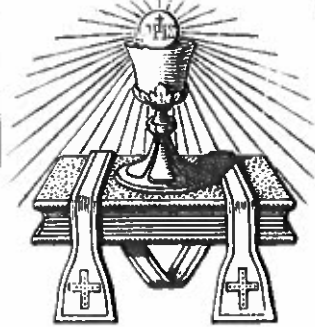
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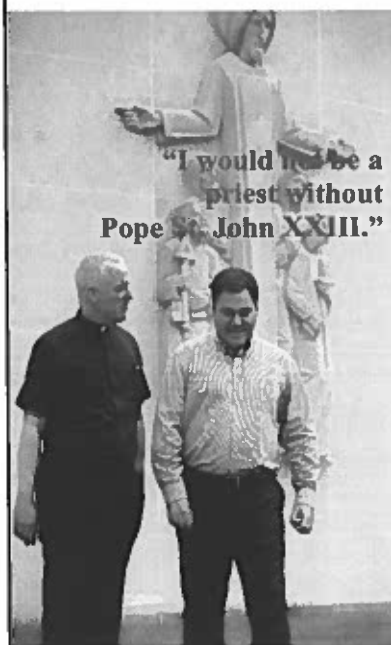


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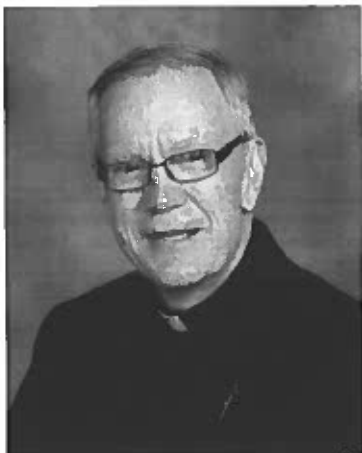


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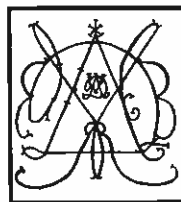
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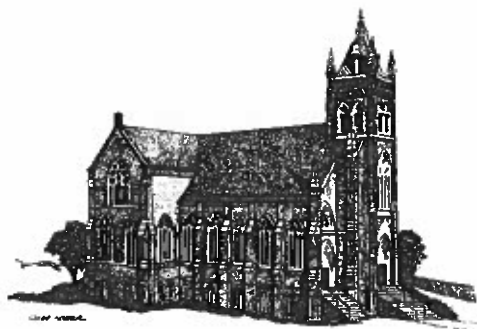
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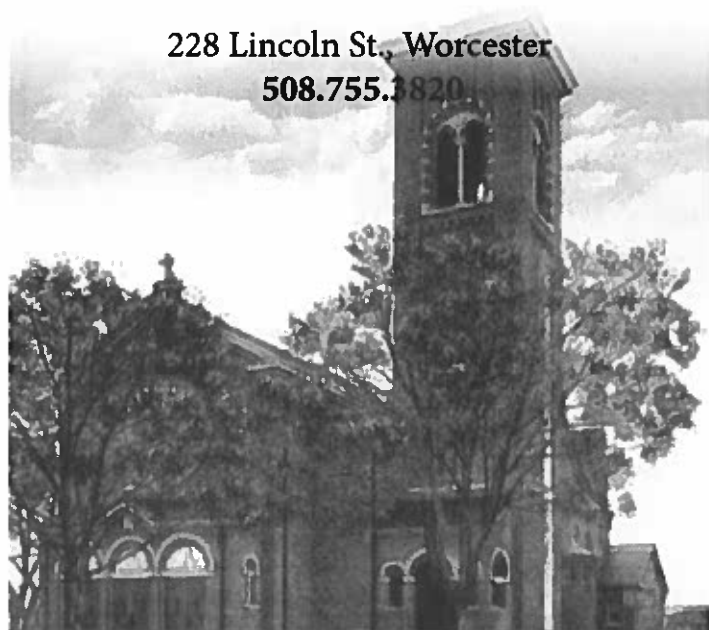
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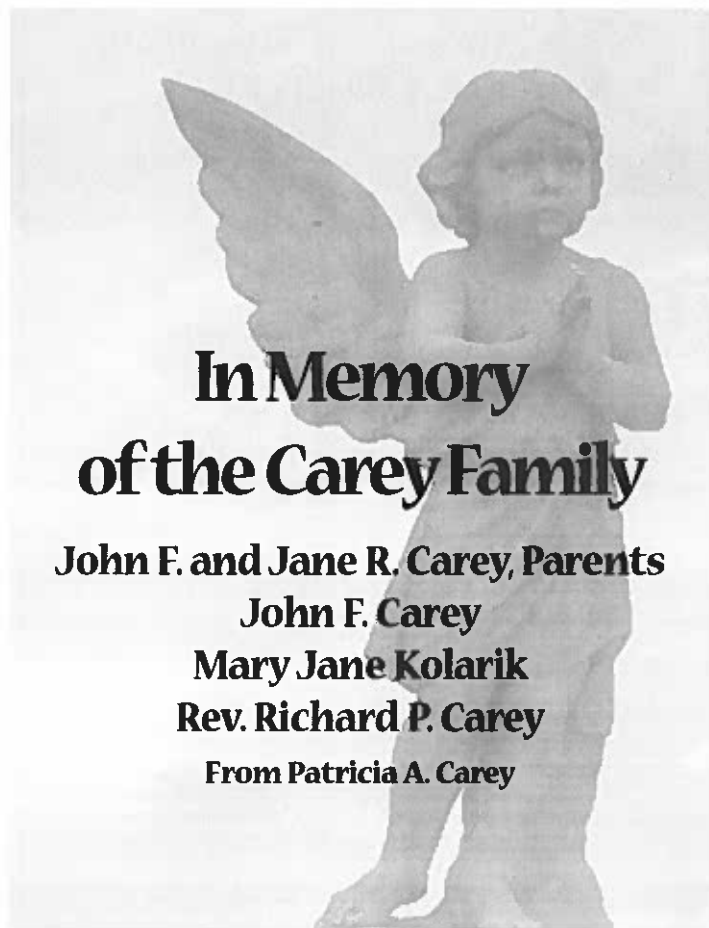
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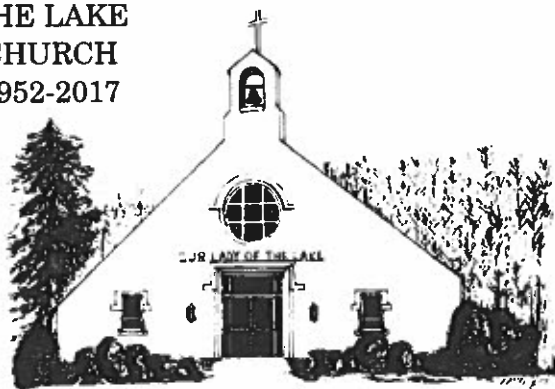
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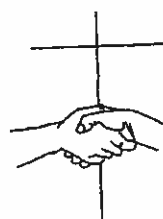
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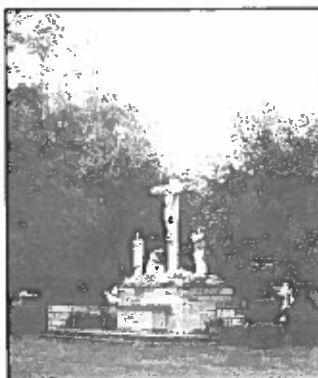
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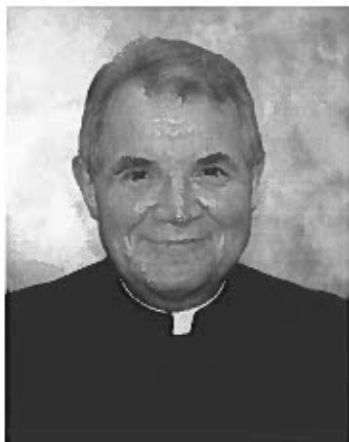
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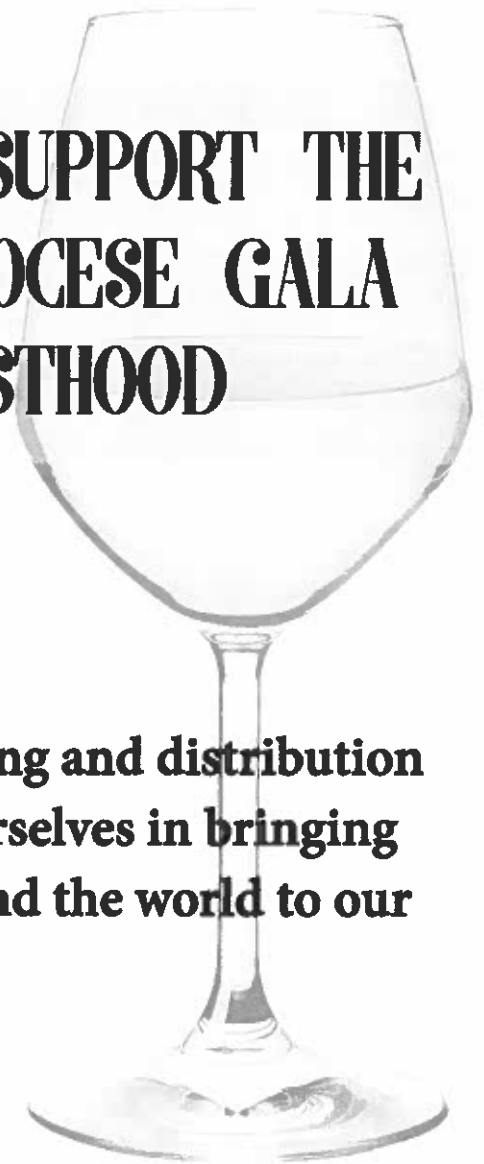
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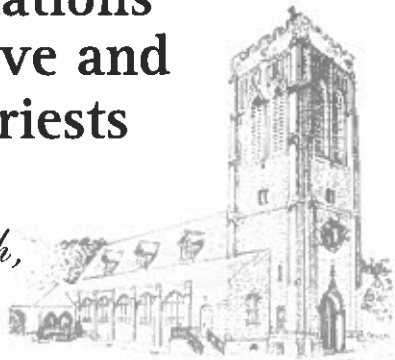
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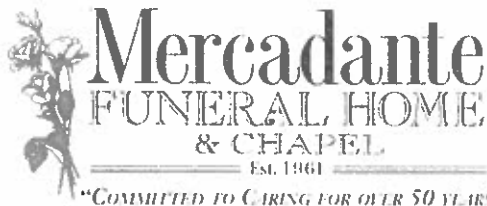
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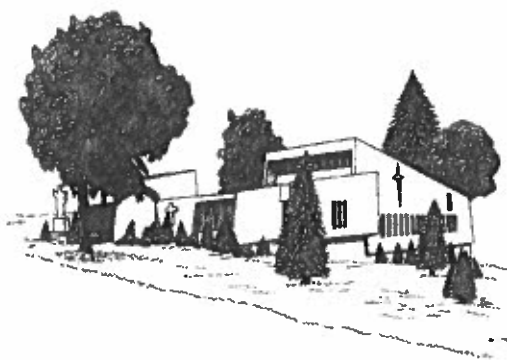


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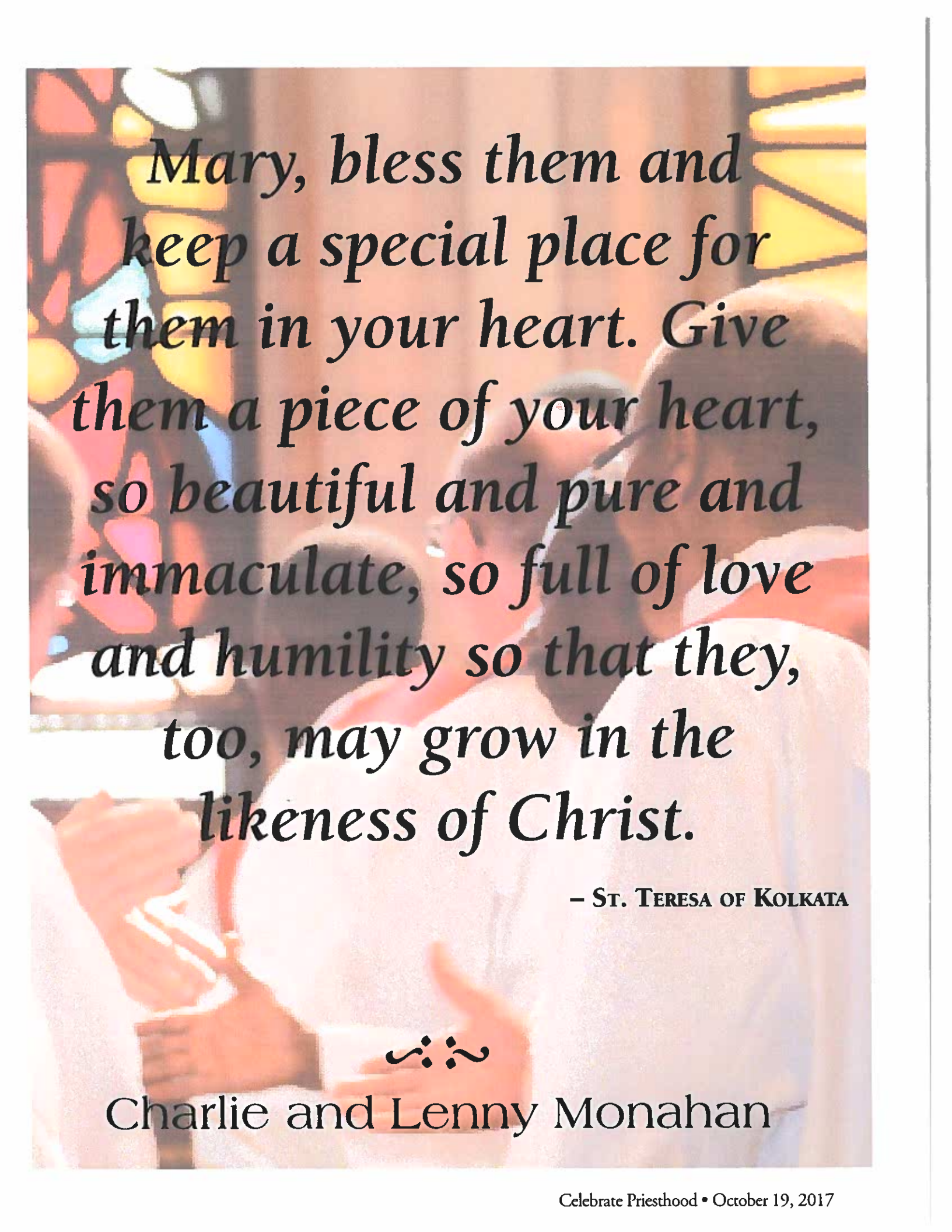
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