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Official Appointments

RETIRED

Rev. William F. Early, from released from diocesan assignment due to health reasons, to senior priest status, with private residence, effective Jan. 1.

Rev. Daniel G. Keohane, from released from diocesan assignment due to health reasons, to senior priest status, with residence at Our Lady of the Angelus, Rego Park, effective Jan. 1.

Rev. Joseph W. Denzer, from released from diocesan assignment due to health reasons, to senior priest status, with residence at the Bishop Mugavero Residence, Douglaston, effective Jan. 1.

RELIGIOUS ORDER

Rev. Rafal Kopystynski, C.M., from pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Greenpoint, to return to his order, effective Nov. 15.

Rev. Jan Urbaniak, C.M., from parochial vicar to temporary administrator of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Greenpoint, effective Nov. 15.

Rev. Roman Gorowski, C.M., to parochial vicar of St. Stanislaus Kostka, Greenpoint, effective Dec. 6.

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Stephen P. Lynch, to associate chaplain of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, while remaining adminis-

trator of St. Lucy - St. Patrick, Fort Greene, effective Jan. 31.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Hardiman, to acting executive director of the Futures in Education Foundation Endowment Fund, while remaining pastor of St. Sebastian, Woodside, effective Jan. 1.

DEACON

Deacon Francis G. Mateo, to help in the spiritual work of the Cursillo Movement, while remaining deacon of Our Lady of Solace Shrine, Coney Island, effective Jan. 1.

Deacon Jimmy Garcia, to help in the spiritual work of the Jovenes de Valor and Jornada movements, while remaining deacon of Our Lady of the Cenacle, Richmond Hill, effective Jan. 1.

CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENT

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. John A. Gurrieri, from sabbatical, to parochial vicar of St. Andrew Avellino, Flushing, effective Jan. 31.

Audit Finds Diocese in 'Charter' Compliance

An audit of the Diocese of Brooklyn's adherence to the U.S. Bishops' "Charter for Protection of Children and Young People" has found it to be in compliance with the 17 articles of the document, which the bishops issued in 2002 and revised two years ago.

During a four-day audit period, Oct. 15-18, two representatives of The Gavin Group, Inc., met on site with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio and the directors of diocesan offices and programs to gauge how the diocese implemented the charter's mandates between Nov. 30, 2005 and June 30 of this year.

In preparation for the consultation, the diocese prepared reports on the safe environment programs and background checks that were in

effect during the audit period.

Three safe environment programs provided child abuse prevention training: Virtus (derived from Latin for virtue or moral strength) Protecting God's Children, established by the National Catholic Risk Retention group; Child Lures Prevention and Praesidium Religious Services.

Training Programs

Cumulatively, the programs trained 66,546 children and youths, 691 priests, including members of religious orders and those not incardinated, 177 deacons, 46 candidates for ordination and 3,357 educators. Also trained were 669 employees of diocesan and affiliated agencies, 3,475 parish employees, 14,213 volunteers and 16,213 parents.

Background checks, conducted primarily by the USIS Company, and ChoicePoint Company were completed for the same number of priests, deacons, candidates for ordination, educators, employees of diocesan and affiliated agencies and parish employees and for 11,202 of the volunteers.

The Gavin Group, based in Winthrop, Mass., employs former FBI and other law enforcement agents to conduct the audits of the nation's archdioceses and dioceses under the auspices of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Over a period of several months, Auxiliary Bishop Frank J. Caggiano coordinated the development of the reports that the diocese submitted for the audit.

Bishops' Christmas Schedules

The schedule of Christmas Midnight Masses at which the bishops of the diocese will be present was issued this week.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will be at St. Mark's Church, Sheepshead Bay; retired Bishop Thomas V. Daily will be at St. Anthony of Padua, South Ozone Park; and retired Auxiliary Bishops Joseph M. Sullivan and Rene A. Valero will be at Our Lady of Hope, Middle Village, and Blessed Sacrament, Jackson Heights, respectively.

The four Auxiliary Bishops will be at the following churches:

- Bishop Ignatius A. Catanello, Holy Family, Flushing;

- Bishop Guy A. Sansaricq, St. Gregory the Great, Crown Heights;

- Bishop Octavio Cisneros, Holy Child Jesus, Richmond Hill; and

- Bishop Frank J. Caggiano, St. Rosalia-Regina Pacis, Bensonhurst.

On Christmas Day, the bishops will celebrate Mass at the following parishes:

- Bishop DiMarzio, St. Michael's, Fourth Ave., at 10 a.m. (bilingual);

- Bishop Sullivan, Our Lady of Hope, 8 a.m.;

- Bishop Catanello, Holy Family, 9 a.m.;

- Bishop Cisneros, Holy Child Jesus, 10:30 a.m. (Spanish);

- Bishop Caggiano, St. Andrew the Apostle, Bay Ridge, 9 a.m.