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## "YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER..."

Dreams do come true. For Fr. Vince Marino '65, Fr. Gerry Mikonis, Fr. Dave Dzermejko, Fr. Stan Janiak and Fr. Jim McNiff, all of the class of '66, the dream of the priesthood became a reality with their ordination on May 4.

The five alumni were among the 21 new diocesan priests ordained by Bishop Vincent Leonard in Pittsburgh's St. Paul's Cathedral.

Another alumnus, Fr. Terry Fedigan '66 will be ordained in Rome this summer after studying at North American College there.

Echoing Christ's command to His apostles to spread His Word to all men, Bishop Leonard told the new priests in his homily, "to serve the Church of Christ, particularly to serve, to carry the words of salvation to your fellow men."

On May 30, the five men started their first assignments as assistants in parishes around the diocese.

Fr. Vince Marino is now at St. George's in Allentown. He studied at Duquesne and later at North American College and the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Last year, he worked at St. Canice in Knoxville and taught religion part-time at Hilltop Catholic High School.

He said that his Latin School training is still evident in his "work habits, love of education...and general approach to life. It opened me

up to a lot of things...people-wise." He added, "I'll always be grateful for that."

Fr. Gerry Mikonis, from the North Side, studied at Duquesne University and St. Vincent's in Latrobe. As a deacon, he worked at St. Jerome's in Charleroi. He has been assigned to St. James in Sewickley.

Blessed Sacrament Parish in Natrona Heights is the new home of Fr. Dave Dzermejko. Dave studied at the Athenaeum of Ohio, St. Gregory's Sem in Cincinnati and St. Vincent's in Latrobe before working as a deacon this past year at St. Bonaventure's in Glenshaw.

Fr. Stan Janiak was assigned to St. Teresa's in Perrysville. After commuting to BLS from the South Side for four years, Stan attended Duquesne, Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind., and St. Meinrad's for theology. Last year he worked with the people  
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## Ordinations (continued)

of St. Elizabeth's in Pleasant Hills.

After a year as a deacon at St. Paul's Cathedral, Fr. Jim McNiff was sent to St. Wendelin's in Carrick. He studied at Duquesne and St. Francis in Loretto.

Now that the goal of the Latin School--to train men for the priesthood--has become a reality in the last two years, its success can be measured by the apostolic work of ordained BLS graduates.

Fr. Jim McNiff said it will emphasize "that the Latin School in its founding idea was an excellent idea."

Two former BLS faculty members, Fr. Francis Reese and Fr. Joseph Henry, were among those attending the ordination.

They watched as the bishop imposed his hands on the heads of each of the deacons and prayed. And they saw the dreams of each of the new priests fulfilled.

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## Deacons' Ordained and Assigned

Five members of the class of '67 were recently ordained to the diaconate, the last major step on their way to the priesthood.

On May 9, Bill Ogradowski and Dave Carey became deacons in ceremonies at North American College in Rome, where they have been studying.

At St. Peter's Church on the North Side, Jim Bedillion, Dave Jastrab and Gilbert Puznakoski were among the 14 diocesan deacons ordained by Auxiliary Bishop Anthony Bosco on May 25.

From Pontifical College of Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio, Jim will do parish work at Our Lady of Fatima in Aliquippa this summer.

Dave was assigned to St. Mary of the Mount parish on Mt. Washington until he returns to St. Francis, Loretto this fall.

St. Anselm's parish in Swissvale has Gilbert, from St. Meinrad's Seminary in Indiana.

They will begin their last year of theological studies in the fall.

## Reunion Policy To Change

Alumni reunions are in for some changes.

It was proposed at the last two Board of Governors meetings that the traditional summer reunion become exclusively a get-together for the class celebrating its 10 year anniversary from graduation.

The cycle would start next summer with the class of '65.

"We are going to reserve the possibility of having other reunions as we see fit," said Bill Steidle, Alumni Association president.

The annual winter reunion will remain a beer and pretzels-type gathering, during Christmas week, open to all alumni.

It was because of the diversity between classes evident at last year's winter reunion that this idea was proposed.

OOOPPS!

In the February By-LineS, it incorrectly stated that Fr. Dave Dzermejko had attended an inter-term studies program on the liturgy in Rome. Actually, it was Fr. Stan Janiak studying at San Anselmo last January.

## Pittsburgh to Scranton, Via Rome

After years of teaching about places like Rome, Athens, Delphi and the Greek Isles, Fr. Henry is finally going to see them.

He plans to leave in mid-June with another Jesuit from Georgetown Prep on a five-six week tour of Greece and Italy "and maybe a few other little stops along the way."

By then he will have finished work on his master's degree in Classics from Duquesne University, which kept him in Pittsburgh this past year.

Eventually, he will wind up the summer at Scranton Prep in Scranton, Pa., where he will be teaching next year with such other BLS notables as Fr. McGrath, and scholastic Dave Barry and Larry Scholl '69.

## What's New With You ?

Frank Almade '71, from St. Paul's Sem, plans to graduate from Duquesne University this August with a B.A. degree in Classics. He also hopes to begin studying Theology in the fall.

John Markiewicz '68 married Miss "Eddy" Gaertner on April 27 at St. Mary's Church, Glenshaw. They now live in Millvale.

Also on April 27, Bob Miltenberger married Donna Benton at St. Mary of Mercy Church, downtown Pittsburgh. Bob '68 is employed as a health physicist with Radiation Management Co. in Philadelphia.

Another '68 alumnus, Dan Holtz, was recently married to Wendy Protzman at St. Joseph's in Verona by Fr. Lou Vallone '65. At last report, Dan and his wife planned to live in Irwin.

Jimmy Rieder '74 has received a scholarship to the University of Scranton, where he will begin studying in the fall.

After teaching theology at Fordham Prep in the Bronx for awhile, former Latin School prof Fr. Milt Jordan will become the Academic Dean there next year.

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## Some Sems

Frank Drabiska, in second year theology at St. Francis Seminary in Loretto, Pa., was installed in the ministry of acolyte on April 20.

Another diocesan seminarian, Ray Rhoden, was recently elected class representative on the Student Government Committee at St. Vincent's Seminary in Latrobe.

Joe Scheib is still relating his experiences from a three-week trip to Rome in January under the inter-term study program of St. Meinrad's Seminary in Indiana.

These three sems from the class of '68 will be assigned to parish or institutional apostolic work projects somewhere within the Diocese of Pittsburgh this summer.

## All the World's A Stage

The theatre is Mike Zelenak's thing. Having directed seven plays and written five more, Mike '68 is now touring the Eastern U.S. while directing a Shakespearean-tragedy-type drama on Watergate. The play, entitled "To Twist Slowly, Slowly in the Wind," showed a double run at the Pittsburgh Playhouse on May 18. It is produced by the Scranton Theatre Libre which Mike founded in 1970.

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## What's New With You (continued)

Nick Russo '66 and his wife will return to the United States later this summer after Nick finishes work on his doctoral dissertation in Cambridge, England.

Dave Arbasak '68, still with Halliburton Industries, a company in the field of petroleum engineering, was recently transferred to Weston, West Virginia.

Denny Clougherty '68, out of the Navy since last Summer, is studying urban re-development at the University of Wisconsin Graduate School.

Sporting a reddish beard and his distinctive smile, Joe Angert '71 is becoming a familiar face around Pittsburgh's Oakland section. Joe recently started working in the intensive care unit at Western Psychiatric Hospital there. He plans to hold down the job while he finishes his senior year and starts grad school at Pitt.

Fred Bush '67 was married last September to Gloria Nardi. They now live in Mount Washington.

Bob Lizik '68 is now a full-fledged state police officer assigned to the Washington, Pa. barracks.

At Allegheny College in Meadville, Barry Wentland '73 found enough time aside from his pre-med studies to win a varsity letter in baseball this season.

Steve Palsa and Rege Fleherty, both '71, are working in Calvery Cemetery this summer before starting their last year at Duquesne in September.

### Post Script:

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