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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Welcome to our sixth annual gala celebration of the diocesan priesthood in the Diocese of Worcester – and our Fourth Taste of the Diocese to take place at this beautiful Atrium!

As we share in fellowship tonight, we are so grateful to St. Vincent Hospital for providing us with this wonderful setting once again and to the generous donations of many food and beverage providers including some of our own parishes. I am confident that you will enjoy the delicious 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 are always there for us, in good times and in challenging times. By their example, they inspire us with a message of unending love that God extends to each of us through His Son, Jesus Christ. By their actions, their words and their commitment to the vocation of the priesthood, our priests have responded to a call to make God’s love manifest in our lives. We are transformed by their faithful service.

Proceeds from this evening’s event benefit the Priests’ Retirement Fund, along with bequests and gifts received during the past year designating this fund. On behalf of all those who worked diligently to bring this night to fruition, I thank all of you for your participation and your willingness to help us raise needed support for priests’ retirement care. I am confident that each of you joins with me in thanking our priests by providing 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 and donors, some of whom are present 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 is helping to make tonight a success.

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.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.
Bishop of Worcester
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Tuesday, October 22, 2019 – St. Vincent Hospital Atrium, Worcester
A Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priests’ Retirement Fund.

PROGRAM

Welcome 5:30 pm
Raymond Delisle
Chancellor

Invocation
Msgr. John E. Doran
Ordained June 18, 1966

Reflections 7:00 pm
Most Rev. Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

In Memoriam
There will be a brief video presentation during a moment of silence as we remember in prayer the active and retired priests who died over the past year.

Following the video, all priests are invited to join Bishop McManus near the podium in singing the Salve Regina, (text near back of program).

Benediction
Fr. Thiago Da Silva
Ordained June 22, 2019
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

O’Connor’s Restaurant & Bar
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Shillelagh sticks

Table 2

Garden Fresh
www.gardenfreshcatering.com
Cheese selections & crudités

Table 5

Baba Sushi
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Variety of sushi

Table 6

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see list on our ad

Table 3 & 4

Red Wine

White Wine

Table 7

Kyoto Bar & Grill
www.kyotobarandgrill.com
sushi and crab rangoon
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**POLAR BEVERAGES**

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*Seltzers and sodas*  
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Table 16
Bay Path Regional Vocational Technical H. S.
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Lamb chops and other delicacies!

Table 17
McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys
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Table 18
St. John Paul II Parish Hispanic Community
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Hispanic delicacies

Table 19
Haitian Ministry
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Homemade Haitian delicacies

Table 20
Coffee!

Table 21
Let’s eat cake!
Compliments of Deacon Stephen and Sylwia Kohut

Table 22
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel at
Our Lady of Loreto Parish
https://mtcarmel.ws
Homemade Italian cookies
(bags available to take some home!)
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 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 six 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 25 years. That national collection is used exclusively to assist vowed religious communities (sisters, brothers and religious order priests) who face 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. 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 retired bishop and priests

Retired Bishop

Most Reverend
Daniel P. Reilly,
Bishop Emeritus,
Worcester

Senior Priests

Reverend
Paul T. O'Connell, Shrewsbury
Joseph A. Marcotte, Worcester
Joseph M. Nally, Worcester

Retired Priests

Reverend Monsignor
Richard E. Collette, Shrewsbury
Anthony S. Czarnecki, Newington, Conn.
John E. Doran, Oxford

Reverend
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Rinaldo Damian, Whitinsville
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- St. Therese of Lisieux

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We are grateful to the Diocese of Worcester and the many priests that are committed to making a difference around the world.

Thank you to all the priests in the diocese.

Peace and blessings
John B. and Mary Lou Anderson
Well done, my good and faithful servant …
Come, share your Master’s joy.

MATTHEW 25:23

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1949-1950
Rev. Msgr. Arthur J. Gravel
1950-1968
Rev. Gerard A. Lucier
1968-1976
Rev. Msgr. George E. Denomme
1976-1992
Rev. Msgr. Francis T. Goguen
1992-2013

and the Associate Pastors who served our parish community in generosity and love.
Celebrate Priesthood!

We gratefully recognize the commitment and dedication of the priests of the Diocese of Worcester and their service to the people and parishes of Central Massachusetts and wherever Christ’s loving presence is needed. Their everyday good works guide and inspire us all.

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~ Jim Cosgrove

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Mary Jane Kolarik
Rev. Richard P. Carey
From Patricia A. Carey

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AND ST. MARY’S SCHOOLS PREK-12
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AND PRAY FOR THEM.
In Memoriam

Bishop George Edward Rueger

Bishop George Edward Rueger, retired auxiliary bishop of Worcester, died peacefully on April 6, at Christopher House in Worcester. He was 89 years old.

"I am profoundly saddened by the death of Bishop George Rueger. He was a kind and gentle priest and bishop who dedicated every moment of his life to the people of the Diocese of Worcester whom he loved so deeply," Bishop Mc Manus said. "His humility, which was grounded in a complete commitment to his vocation to the priesthood, was an inspiration for all of us who are ordained. As a good steward of all the gifts God gave him, he lived simply and shared all he had with those in need. May Christ greet his immortal soul with the words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. Join me in my Father's house.'"

George Edward Rueger was born Sept. 3, 1929 in Framingham, the son of Edward G. and Mary T. (Reddy) Rueger.

He attended South High School and St. Peter High School in Worcester. After attending the College of the Holy Cross from 1949 to 1950, he entered Cardinal O'Connor Minor Seminary in Jamaica Plain. He completed his studies for the priesthood at St. John Seminary in Brighton. He also did post-graduate studies at Harvard University.

Father Rueger was ordained a priest Jan. 6, 1958 by Bishop John J. Wright in St. Paul Cathedral, Worcester. He served as assistant pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in East Millbury and St. Peter Parish in Worcester.

In June 1965 he was named the first headmaster of Marian Central Catholic High School, Worcester.

In 1974 he was named assistant pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Leominster. Two years later he was elected president of the diocesan Senate of Priests. In 1977 he was named pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Hopedale.

He was appointed diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools on Aug. 1, 1978, while remaining pastor in Hopedale. On Dec. 1, 1980 he returned to full-time ministry in Hopedale. Three months later, on Feb. 27, 1981, he was named pastor of St. Peter Parish, Worcester.

In January 1987 Pope John Paul II named Bishop Rueger Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester and titular bishop of Maronana. Titular bishops are those who have been appointed by the Holy See to a see or diocese which, for all practical purposes, no longer exists. He chose "That They All May Be One" as his episcopal motto. It is taken from the Gospel of John (17:21-22).

On Feb. 25, 1987, he was ordained a bishop in St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Timothy J. Harrington was consecrator. Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, second Bishop of Worcester, and Bishop John A. Marshall, Bishop of Burlington, Vermont, who had been a priest in Worcester, were co-consecrators.

In addition to being auxiliary bishop, Bishop Rueger was named vicar general of the diocese in 1989. He also served as diocesan chancellor and vicar for education and diocesan coordinator for The Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Bishop Rueger served as auxiliary bishop for 18 years, assisting Bishop Timothy J. Harrington, Bishop Daniel P. Reilly and Bishop McManus.
BISHOP GEORGE E. RUEGER
Ordained: Jan. 6, 1958
Died: April 6, 2019
Years of Priesthood: 61

REV. JOSEPH R. BIELONKO
Ordained: April 12, 1959
Died: January 14, 2018
Years of Priesthood: 58

REV. RONALD E. DEBITETTO
Ordained: July 6, 1963
Died: Sept. 28, 2019
Years of Priesthood: 66

REV. MARTIN P. DONAHUE
Ordained: May 27, 1961
Died: Jan. 29, 2019
Years of Priesthood: 57

REV. HENRY A. DONOGHUE
Ordained: May 7, 1954
Died: March 7, 2019
Years of Priesthood: 64

REV. ROBERT E. KELLEY
Ordained: Nov. 10, 1979
Died: March 29, 2019
Years of Priesthood: 39

REV. JOSEPH W. MCKIERNAN
Ordained May 19, 1951
Died: July 26, 2019
Years of Priesthood: 68

REV. CORNELIUS F. O'LEARY
Ordained: May 10, 1956
Died: Feb. 7, 2019
Years of Priesthood: 62

REV. F. GILLES ROY
Ordained: May 30, 1957
Died: Oct. 20, 2018
Years of Priesthood: 61

In Memoriam
The Catholic Priesthood in the Diocese of Worcester

I Have Come to Do Your Will

Please pray for our 2019-2020 Seminarians

Carlos Ardilla
Theology III • SMSU
DOB: July 30
Home Parish: St. Paul’s Cathedral, Worcester

Brian Ashmankas
Theology III • TC
DOB: January 8
Home Parish: North American Martyrs, Ashburn

Jose Carvajal
Theology III • SMSU
DOB: July 31
Home Parish: St. Mary’s, Framingham

Michael Hoye
Theology III • FNAC
DOB: November 16
Home Parish: St. Mark’s, Grafton

Lucas LaRoche
Theology III • SMSU
DOB: August 13
Home Parish: Annunciation, Gardner

John Larochelle
Theology III • SMSU
DOB: August 13
Home Parish: St. John’s, Worcester

James Boulette
Theology II • PAX
DOB: May 5
Home Parish: St. Anthony of Padua, Hinsburg

Cleber De Paula
Theology II • SMSU
DOB: April 1
Home Parish: Our Lady of the Lake, Leominster

Julio Granados
Theology II • SMSU
DOB: December 8
Home Parish: Prioress St. John Paul II, Southbridge

Victor Henao
Theology II • A&M
DOB: September 20
Home Parish: St. John, Guardian of Our Lady, Clinton

Thiago Ibiapina
Theology II • SMSU
DOB: August 29
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Derek Mobilio
Theology II • SMSU
DOB: November 14
Home Parish: St. Teresa of Avila, Fitchburg

Juan Parra
Theology II • SMSU
DOB: May 30
Home Parish: St. Mary of the Assumption, Milford

Peter Bui
Theology I • TC
DOB: May 29
Home Parish: Our Lady of the Lake, Leominster

Zachary Sullivan
Theology I • FNAC
DOB: July 9
Home Parish: St. John, Guardian of Our Lady, Clinton

Luke Johnson
Pre-Theology II • SMSU
DOB: February 2
Home Parish: St. Edward the Confessor, Worcester

Jonathan Amidon
Pre-Theology I • MSM
DOB: September 21
Home Parish: St. Peter, Worcester

Julio Bonilla
ESL • WSU
DOB: December 9
Home Parish: St. Mary of the Assumption, Milford

William Calderon
ESL • WSU
DOB: December 24
Home Parish: St. Anthony of Padua, Dudley

Gustavo Correa
ESL • WSU
DOB: February 6
Home Parish: St. Mary of the Assumption, Milford

Rafael Longhini
ESL • WSU
DOB: January 20
Home Parish: St. John, Guardian of Our Lady, Clinton

Edwin Prieto
ESL • WSU
DOB: November 9
Home Parish: Good Shepherd, Leominster

Nathan Torres
ESL • WSU
DOB: November 7
Home Parish: Good Shepherd, Leominster

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DOB: January 20
Home Parish: St. Paul’s, Wayland

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li- i Hévae. Ad te suspi-rámus, geméntes et fléntes in hac
lacrimárum vélle. E-ia ergo, Advocáta nóstra, illos tú-os
mi-se-ricórdes ócu-los ad nos convérte. Et Jésus, benedí-
cum fráctum véntris tú-i, nóbis post hoc exsí-li-um ostén-

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sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor
banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our
sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn
then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy
toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.
Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility so that they, too, may grow in the likeness of Christ.

— St. Teresa of Kolkata

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