

Councillor Walter Sullivan

Dec. 31, 1988

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retirement of the Reverend Monsignor Russell R. Novello,
Pastor of Incarnation Parish, Melrose, ^{a position} ~~sum~~ he has
held since 1977, and

whereas:

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teacher as well as a parish administrator, serving on
the faculties of Cardinal Cushing College and St. John's
Seminary as well as having served a ten year term
as director of the Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian
Doctrines program, and

Whereas:

Mons. Novello, ^{ordained} ~~transferred~~ into the priest-
hood in 1953, earned both a master of arts and Ph.D.
degrees from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and

Whereas:

As a parish priest, Father Novello served
at St. Mary's, Charlestown, St. Patrick, Watertown and
St. Cecilia's, Boston, ^{and in} ~~until~~ 1965 he was named a
Monsignor and in 1977 ^{appointed} ~~named~~ Pastor of Immaculate
Conception, Melrose

Now therefore be it

Resolved:

That this City Council go on record

affording its sincere appreciation and
grat. to M^r. Novello ^{for} and his
personal dedication and untiring efforts on behalf
of so many people throughout the Commonwealth
and to further extend to him every good
wish for continued good health in the
years ahead, and be it further

Resolved:

That the City Clerk be and hereby
is requested to forward a suitably engrossed
copy of this resolution to Messrs. Novello
on behalf of the entire City Council.

Mass of thanksgiving

November 6 liturgy to celebrate Dominican Sisters presence in the Archdiocese for 100 years

SPECIAL TO THE PILOT

One hundred years of living is an event to be celebrated. The Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine of Siena are celebrating their Centennial in the Archdiocese of Boston this year with a host of mini-celebrations which will culminate with a grand reunion liturgy next month.

Sister Jean Delaney, OP, chairperson of the Centennial Celebration and a graduate of St. Patrick's school in Watertown, announced that His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Law will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 6, at St. Patrick Church, Watertown, which marks the site of the first Dominican mission in Massachusetts. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the Sisters, friends and families.

Teaching as a labor of love

The event will celebrate the fact that it was at St. Patrick's parish in 1888 that eight Dominican women from rural St. Catharine, Kentucky, headed by Sister Vincentia, OP, arrived in Watertown to establish their first school in the Eastern United States. Other schools quickly followed in Lowell, Charlestown, Waverly, West Lynn, East Boston and North Cambridge. In later decades schools were added at Plainville, Belmont, Reading, Gloucester and again in Watertown, spreading the Dominican presence as educators in the Boston area.

Through the years the "Kentucky Dominicans" have carried on a labor of love for the children of the area and their families. These "Massachusetts Dominicans" have touched the lives of many people who were educated by the Sisters. One of the most well known graduates is the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neil, Jr., former Speaker of the United States House of Representatives. "Tip" O'Neil graduated from St. John's Grammar and High School in Cambridge.

"The best thing about high school was a wonderful teacher named Sister Agatha, OP," he wrote in his autobiography.

"Actually, she was much more than a teacher, for whenever I had a problem, I would go to her," he explained. "Tip" O'Neil has never forgotten the Dominican spirit.

Relationship-building has been a common experience which has been repeated



Sister Rosa Thi Nguyen, OP, guides and instructs first communicants among Boston's Southeast Asian community at St. Peter's Church in Dorchester.

throughout the Dominican ministries. Sister Timothy Regan, OP, who joined the order in 1916 and taught for many years at St. Francis de Sales School in Charlestown, says "I enjoyed helping children so much, I volunteered to coach failing children" so that they could pass and prosper in school.

Sister Muriel Campbell, OP, an alumna of East Boston's Sacred Heart School has ministered as a teacher, principal, and superior, mostly in Watertown. "All of those whom I have come in contact with," she says, "I hope I have helped

to move forward in their journey toward God."

Ministries expand to meet needs

In addition to the traditional teaching roles, Dominican Sisters have gone into wider ministries during recent years, working with the homeless, the oppressed, the elderly and the sick. As their journey to work for God's people continues, members of the congregation have been finding these additional ways to serve.

Sister Barbara Lavin, OP, is the director for the Chelsea, Revere, Winthrop Home Care,

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s deficit

appeal to dioceses, to religious orders, congregations, and to the faithful in the whole world, above all in countries of greater means, to increase their spirit of cooperation with the Holy See so it can carry out adequately its pastoral mission." At the same time, the cardinals thanked the worldwide Church for its generosity in 1987.

Reserve fund covered deficit

The Holy See's budget includes the financing of Curia offices, diplomatic posts around the world, Vatican Radio and papal trips, among other things. As in previous years, salaries and benefits to Holy See workers accounted for more than half of expenses.

The reserve fund used to help close the deficit gap had been drawn from part of the Vatican's investments. "From now on, we would have to remove from the patrimony itself," Cardinal Giuseppe Caprio, a

top Vatican economic official, said October 17. That would probably mean direct sales of stocks, bonds and investment properties.

Meeting the annual budget shortfall has been a painful process for the Vatican since the late 1970s, when expenses began to outstrip income by a wide margin. But the rate of increase in the deficit has been slowed dramatically since 1986.

Openness encourages giving

A U.S. member of the cardinals' council, Cardinal John Krol, said he was pleased with the overall evolution of the Vatican's financial situation.

"As I look at the total picture, this year compared to five years ago, I'm encouraged," said Cardinal Krol, the retired archbishop of Philadelphia.

What has helped spur overall contributions, Cardinal Krol emphasized, is increased Vatican openness about its budget. This year the council of cardinals made public the breakdown of income and expenses, continuing a policy it began in 1987.

Melrose pastor to resign

BY GEORGE E. RYAN
PILOT STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Russell R. Novello, 70, Pastor of Incarnation Parish, Melrose, since 1977, has had his request to resign approved by His Eminence, Bernard Cardinal Law, who announced the action this week.

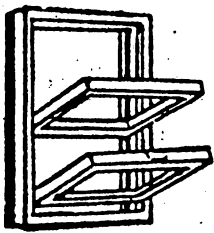
The effective date will coincide with appointment of a successor in the parish. The Cardinal has granted Msgr. Novello Senior Priest/Retirement status, which will also become effective with assignment of the new pastor.

A Bostonian by birth, Msgr. Novello is a longtime teacher. He served on the faculties of Cardinal Cushing College and St. John's Seminary, and for a decade was director of the Archdiocesan Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program. He earned the MA and Ph.D. degrees at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Following studies at St. John's Seminary and ordination in 1953, Father Novello served in St. Mary Parish, Charlestown (1953-58), meanwhile doing his graduate studies in Washington. In 1959, he was assigned to St. Patrick Parish, Natick, and then, in 1961, to St. Cecilia's, Boston, from which residence he taught at Cardinal Cushing and directed the CCD.

He was named a Monsignor in 1965. From 1972 to 1977, he was on the St. John's Seminary faculty in Brighton. He was named Pastor of Incarnation Parish in November 1977 and reappointed to that post in 1983.

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 Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.
 Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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C. W. J. Sullivan

Order Adopted

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