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clergy and religious marking significant
anniversaries in 2025

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challenges of his 15 years of episcopal ministry



of arts degree from Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey), Ewing, both in mathematics.

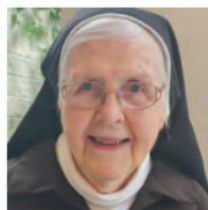
Early in her ministry, Sister Josephine served in the Archdiocese of Newark at Our Lady of Libera School, West New York, and in the Diocese of Camden at Paul VI High School, Haddonfield.

In the Diocese of Trenton, Sister Josephine was a teacher from 1961-63 in St. James School, Trenton, and from 1964-71 in Villa Victoria Academy, Ewing. She served from 1974-1977 in Morning Star House of Prayer, Monmouth Beach, and from 1977 to present in Morning Star House of Prayer, Ewing.

Poor Clare Sister Mary Frances Flynn

Poor Clare Sister Mary Frances Flynn was born in Schenectady, N.Y. She studied at Albany Medical Center and became an X-ray technician. She made her first profession of vows on Oct. 8, 1960.

After passing her board exams, she worked with cancer patients for



two years, during which she felt the influence of St. Francis in the awareness of and promotion of "the gift of God's power and presence revealed to each of us on the journey of life. Realizing the grace of this gift has stayed with me," she said.

Sister Mary Frances served as president of the Holy Name Federation of Poor Clares (Eastern U.S.) for two terms, and was formation director in the Bordentown monastery. Invited to help establish a new Poor Clare monastery in Connecticut, she lived there for 19 years before returning to Bordentown, "where God led me to share in the journey of faith," she said, "guiding me, walking with a few people in the ministry of spiritual direction."



Divine Word Father Martin Padovani

A well-known psychotherapist with expertise in individual, marriage and family counseling Divine Word Father Martin H. Padovani, 94, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended St. Ignatius School, Cleveland.



He attended a preparatory high school headed by Divine Word Missionaries in Girard, Pa., followed by studies for the priesthood in Conesus, N.Y., to Epworth, Iowa, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy, and then the Divine Word Missionaries headquarters in Techny, Ill., where he was awarded a master's degree in theology.

Soon after his April 2, 1960, ordination, Father Padovani spent his first 10 years of priesthood serving in Divine Word Missionary sites in Chicago, Ohio and Bordentown as the order's director of vocations. He later earned bachelor's and master's degrees in clinical psychology from Iona College, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Father Padovani has served the Diocese of Trenton as a counselor for more than five decades, and by assisting in many parishes, including more than 30 years in St. Catharine-St. Margaret Parish, Spring Lake, as well as Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Moorestown, and Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Bordentown.

He has served his community as a vocation director, rector and clinical psychologist. In 1968, he was appointed by Gov. Richard J. Hughes to the New Jersey Divorce Law Study Commission.

As a licensed marriage and family therapist in New Jersey, Father Padovani has been a member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists and also served as a member of the Burlington County Mental Health Board and as chaplain to patients at a private psychiatric hospital. He has counseled people across the tri-state area and beyond, making use of phone counseling even before the pandemic.

Father Padovani authored two books that integrate faith with science – "Healing Wounded Emotions" (Twenty-Third Publications, 1987) and "Healing Wounded Relationships" (Twenty-Third Publications, 2006). A sought-after speaker, he was the 2018 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from Mary's Child Pro-Life Ministry.

This spring, Father Padovani was scheduled to depart the Diocese of Trenton and take up residence in Techny, Ill.