

IAAS Walks of Life 2001 Rev. Joseph McNulty

Rev. Joseph D. McNulty has been senior director of Catholic Charities Ministry to Persons with Disabilities for the Diocese of Cleveland since 1972, and Episcopal Liaison for Persons with Mental Illness and their families since 1988. Additionally, since 1977 he has been pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Cleveland's Tremont area, a church widely known for, among other features, its regular meals program for the needy so often featured by news media at holiday times.

His pastoral assignment came after five years there as associate pastor, during which time he was a religious education instructor, too, at Cleveland Central Catholic High School.

Ordained to the priesthood May 31,1969, his first assignment was as associate pastor of Parma's St. Francis de Sales Parish and coordinator of pastoral counseling at Nazareth Academy.

Prior to his ordination, he occupied part time positions as both a supervisor and caseworker with the Department of Human Services, Cuyahoga County Welfare Department, and as a coordinator for Project PEACE (Program of Educational and Cultural Excellence.)

Fr. McNulty's educational degrees include a Bachelor of Arts from Borromeo College of Ohio, a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Catholic University of America, and both a Master of Theology and Master of Divinity from Cleveland's St. Mary Seminary.

At present he is a member of the board of trustees of Grace Hospital and of the Grace Hospital Association, and a member of the board of directors of the Tremont Area Civic Association. He also is moderator for both the Cleveland and Akron chapters of the International Catholic Deaf Association, and of the Catholic Blind Community, Cleveland. And he is chaplain for the North Olmsted Knights of Columbus and for the Abba Koval Caravan, International Order of the Alhambra.

A life member of the International Catholic Deaf Association, his other current memberships include the National Catholic Office for the Deaf, National Alliance for the Mentally 111, North East Alliance for the Mentally 111, Faith and Light, Faith and Sharing, and the Loyal Christian Benefit Association. He has been honored by the American Council of the Blind of Ohio, with its Ruth Davidson Award; by the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board, with its Ecumenical Helping Hand Award; and by the Cleveland Area Board of

Realtors, with its Citizen of the Year Award. Fr. McNulty has received recognition, too, from the Catholic Universe Bulletin and from the Cleveland Mayor's Committee on Volunteerism. With this IAAS "Walks of Life" Award, he is jointly honored with his brother, Dennis C. McNulty.

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