

### **Father Donald J. Manfred**



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Father Manfred, new pastor in Croghan and Harrisville, has been pastor of Sacred Heart in Massena since 1998 and pastor of St. Lawrence in Louisville since 2002. In 2011, the two parishes were merged and he now serves as pastor of the Church of Sacred Heart and St Lawrence.

Born Dec. 12, 1940, in Somerville, Mass., Father Manfred grew up in the Potsdam area. He began studies for the priesthood at Wadhams Hall Seminary and also studied at Christ the King Seminary in Olean, N.Y., and received a master's degree in history from Potsdam State University. He was ordained May 20, 1967 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Thomas Donnellan.

Father Manfred served as an assistant pastor at St. Patrick's in Watertown and at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake.

In 1971, he was appointed executive director of the Bishop's Fund. A year later he was named assistant chancellor with additional responsibilities for the lay retirement fund.

In November, 1972, Father Manfred was named assistant pastor of St. Patrick's in Watertown. He has also served as administrator in Dannemora and pastor in North Lawrence and at St. Alphonsus in Tupper Lake before moving to Massena.

The priest was appointed director of the newly formed permanent deacon formation program in 1976 and served in that position until 1985. He has also served the diocese as director of deacon personnel and continuing formation, as a member of the Catholic Charities Board of Trustees and dean of St. Lawrence Deanery.