

# St. Anthony of Padua to honor Hough on 25 years in priesthood

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It had been a perfect day in the fall of 1979 for the **Rev. William Hough**, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church in northeast Minneapolis.

Mayor Al Hofstede of Minneapolis had arranged for **Hough** to fly to Washington, D.C., for ceremonies welcoming Pope John Paul on the White House south lawn. President Carter and the pope had walked by **Hough**, the pope greeting him and asking him where he was from. There were famous people everywhere he looked, and the temptation to stay must have been great. But there was no time to linger; **Hough** had to get back to Minneapolis for Saturday evening mass.

The St. Anthony parish will return **Hough's** devotion with a celebration Sunday of his 25th anniversary as a priest. The festivities will begin with a 1 p.m. mass, followed by a reception from 3 to 6 p.m., and a dance from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Ukrainian American Community Center, 301 NE. Main St.

**Hough's** gentle, musical brogue betrays his origins. He grew up one of 15 children in an Irish family in Doonbeg in County Clare, near the Atlantic in southwest Ireland. Unable to find work, he left Ireland for London at age 14. There he worked in a factory manufacturing, among other things, devices for opening liquor bottles. He was lonely and nearly penniless.

An Irish priest took **Hough** and other teen factory laborers under his wing and introduced them to Young Christian Workers, a non-denominational organization offering counseling and leadership training for youth. Soon, **Hough** was asked to go to the United States, where he worked with youth in New York, Pittsburgh, Boston and San Francisco.

He began to think about entering the priesthood, because it would give him a chance to work with young Americans permanently.

"I discovered all the goodness within them, and I got to like them so much that I decided I would spend my life helping" them, he said.

**Hough** applied to the seminary in Los Angeles. But the **Rev. George Ryan** of the Cathedral of St. Paul, whom he had met on a visit to the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, arranged for **Hough** to study at the St. Paul Seminary. He entered the seminary in the fall of 1958, and was ordained with 19 others at the cathedral by Archbishop Leo Binz on Feb. 2, 1963. "It's as vivid now as it was that very day," he said.

**Hough** has worked at St. Mary's Church in downtown St. Paul, Our



Staff Photo by Joey McLeister

The **Rev. William Hough**, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, will be honored Sunday.

Lady of Perpetual Help and Resurrection parishes in Minneapolis, and as chaplain at Swedish Hospital (now Metropolitan Medical Center) in Minneapolis. In 1973 he was assigned to his first pastorate, St. Mary of the Purification near Shakopee, and in June 1974 he became pastor of St. Anthony's, the oldest Catholic parish in Minneapolis. In addition to St. Anthony's 300 families, **Hough** also ministers to the 150 residents of Catholic Eldercare, a nursing home next door to the church.

Oh, yes — did **Hough** make it back to St. Anthony's in time for mass after seeing the pope? Well, he had trouble finding a cab, but a woman at the White House gates offered him a lift to the airport, and he caught his plane on time. The woman was Coretta Scott King, widow of the **Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.**

## Latin mass requested

A Latin mass will be celebrated at Epiphany Catholic Church of Coon Rapids at 12:15 p.m. Sunday. The **Rev. Bernard Reiser**, pastor of Epiphany, will be the celebrant of the special liturgy, which was standard in the Roman Catholic Church before the reforms of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s. The mass will be said at the request of a parishioner who did some recent construction work for the church. Epiphany is at 11001 Hanson Blvd.

## Loose change adds up

Loose pocket change is adding up to big money at Brooklyn Park

Evangelical Free Church, 7849 W. Broadway, Brooklyn Park. For about 18 months, volunteer families have been saving their coins for the church's Hidden Peoples Ministry. The result Dec. 20 was 425 quarters, 734 dimes, 651 nickels, 5,630 pennies, and some dollar bills for good measure. The total collected from July to December: \$327.25.

Curt Lefler, missions board chairman, said one purpose of the collection is to promote the ministry, which works to convert Muslims in Belgium and Germany. But he also said the collection is "a nice means of having the family involved in a missions project, and the children particularly can see how missions can work."

## Winterfire to begin

Winterfire III, an annual spiritual renewal program at Central Lutheran Church now in its third year, will be held Friday through Sunday at the church, 333 E. Grant St., Minneapolis. The program, which carries the theme Come Share the Spirit in Mission, will feature fellowship gatherings, workshops and worship services.

James Burtress, professor of systematic theology and ethics at Luther Northwestern Seminary, will deliver the keynote address on "Thinking About Evangelism" at 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday. Saturday workshops will be given by the **Revs.** Stephen Cornils and Richard Beckmen of Central Lutheran, the **Rev.** Jack Aamot of the Lutheran Evangelistic Movement, Ken Timboe of Central

Lutheran and Joan Nesser, director of Praise of His Glory Ministries.

Beckmen will talk at Sunday's 9 and 11 a.m. services on "A Day in the Life of an Evangelical." Special programs are planned for grade school children, and baby sitting will be provided. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 870-4416.

## Dependency workshop

"Growing Up in a Chemically Dependent Jewish Family," an educational workshop, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday at the Minneapolis Jewish Community Center in St. Louis Park. A psychologist, a rabbi and a person recovering from chemical addiction will talk about the addictive family system, how being Jewish may interfere with the ability to recognize the pattern, and the ways that Judaism can help adults make changes in their lives. A \$5 donation is requested, and advance registration is recommended. The program is sponsored by the Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis, Jewish Family Service of St. Paul, and the Jewish Recovery Network. For reservations or more information, call Judy Silverman at 546-0616 or Glenn Hirsch at 698-0767.

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