

philosophy and theology.

He was ordained May 21, 1965, in St. Peter Church in Rutland, by Bishop Robert F. Joyce.

Father Gallagher's pastoral assignments included St. Monica Church and Marian High School in Barre, Christ the King in Rutland, St. John Church in St. Johnsbury and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington. He was pastor at St. James Church in Island Pond and Our Lady of the Snows in Woodstock, where he served from October 1981 until his retirement in June 2002.

He was a member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and founded Christ the King "Yes" Project to initiate friendships with young black students in New York in the late 1960s. While in St. Johnsbury, he founded the Reachout Youth Program.

Father Gallagher served on the planning committee for the new cathedral building in Burlington. He was a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission and later became chairman. He also served as a board member of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions.

Father Gallagher was a member of Burlington Ecumenical Clergy Group and the Woodstock Area Clergy Group. He was Vermont's delegate to the White House Conference on Families and founding president of the Northeast Kingdom Health Centers Inc.

In addition to regular pastoral and sacramental ministries, Father organized and presided over Tell It On the Mountain, a national celebration of liturgy and spirituality in the new millennium. Parish ministers and spiritual leaders from across the nation gathered on Killington to explore and experience liturgy with challenging reflection on the church's history and to blaze a path into its future.

Father Gallagher initiated a strong interest in social justice at Our Lady of the Snows parish and enabled parishioners to be aware of those less fortunate than themselves. He instituted a seasonal clothing drive twice a year and brought parishioners to New York City to promote social welfare and service.

After Sept. 11, 2001, Father Gallagher took a special interest in The Tepeyac Association in New York City. Tepeyac serves as a social service agency for Latinos who lack proper documentation and provides assistance in times of urgency and necessity.

Father Gallagher will be remembered for his leadership in spiritual music and his strength as a liturgist.

Liturgical services led by Father Gallagher were always a celebration. Father Gallagher founded the Vermont Liturgical and Music Association that provided classical music performances in the community, most specifically the annual Mozart concert and Handel's Messiah as a gift to the community during Wassail Weekend beginning in 1984. At the time of his retirement, Father Gallagher was honored with a weekend of song and celebration in Woodstock and Quebec.

Father Gallagher was a great fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Father Gallagher was predeceased by his parents and his stepmother, Kay Gallagher.

He is survived by a twin brother, John; an aunt, Ann Sheridan of Rutland; several nieces; a nephew; many cousins; Giorgio Ortiz, his faithful friend and caregiver; and Patricia Alden, his pastoral assistant for many years. Father Gallagher loved and appreciated his many friends who supported him throughout his illness and now survive him.

At Father Gallagher's request, cremation has taken place. A liturgy of Christian burial will take place at Our Lady of the Snows in Woodstock on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow for all his family and friends at the Woodstock Country Club. Interment will take place in the family lot in West Rutland at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions

may be made in memory of Father Gallagher to Tepeyac Association of New York, 251 W. 14th St., New York, N.Y. 10011. Arrangements are under the direction of Cabot Funeral Home, Woodstock.



**REV. WILLIAM PATRICK GALLAGHER**

WOODSTOCK — The Rev. William Patrick Gallagher, 64, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, in the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H.

He was born June 9, 1939, in West Rutland, the son of the late Francis D. and E. Rose (McGovern) Gallagher.

Father Gallagher attended Christ the King Grammar School and Mount St. Joseph Academy, both in Rutland. He was educated in Cardinal O'Connell Seminary in Boston, Mass., and St. Paul University Seminary in Ottawa, Ontario, where he received degrees in