



REV. THOMAS N. CIOLINO

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PRIEST HONORED BY HOME PARISH

Father Ciolino Holds First
Mass in St. Anthony's.

The Rev. Thomas N. Ciolino celebrated his first mass at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in St. Anthony's church, Court street and South Elmwood avenue.

He also is the first member of St. Anthony's parish to enter the priesthood.

Honored by members of the clergy and friends from every part of the city, Father Ciolino said his first mass before a congregation that filled the church. Many stood to gain the special indulgence of a first mass.

By a special permission of the Rev. Carlo Celotto, pastor, Charles R. Sciolino, president of the Montemaggiore club, one of the oldest and largest organizations of Italian-Americans, before mass presented a gold chalice to the new priest in behalf of the club.

Club Members Attend.

Approximately 300 club members attended the mass in a body, after meeting in the clubrooms in Huron street at Prospect avenue and marching down South Elmwood avenue to the church.

Father Ciolino was assisted by the Rev. Agostino Lazzarin, assistant pastor of St. Anthony's church, deacon, and the Rev. Bernard Magee of Annunciation church, sub-deacon. Msgr. James Murphy of Ellicottville was arch-priest.

Father Celotto and the Rev. Francis P. Conlon, O. M. I., spoke during the mass.

The "Mass in E Flat," by B. Hamma, under the direction of Miss Margaret S. Valvo, organist, was sung by the St. Anthony choir. Soloists were John J. Carolgana, Lucien J. Ciresi, Vincent J. Siracuse. Miss Frances M. St. George, Joseph Scinta and Miss Provvidenza L. Oddo.

John P. Ciolino, brother of Father Ciolino, was master of ceremonies and Dominic Colangelo, thurifer.

Family Members Present.

Members of the priest's family, Jerome J. Ciolini, John, Philippina and Christine, received communion at the mass.

Members of the clergy present at the mass were:

Dr. John P. Boland, pastor of St. Lucy's and St. Columba's churches; the Rev. Pascal J. Trionfoni, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel church; the Rev. Anthony P. Biscarella, pastor of St. Francis d'Assisi church; the Rev. Pasquale J. Colagrosso, vice rector of Our Lady of Loretto chapel; the Rev. James J. Navagh of Holy Cross church; the Rev. William Grotty of North Tonawanda and the Rev. Hector Sella of St. Joseph's Old cathedral.

Among others at the mass were: Dr. Enrico A. Speno, Italian vice consul; Nicholas D. Giranti, president of the Federation of Italian Societies; Dr. Charles R. Borsilleri, Christy A. Buscaglia, Dr. Samuel Varco, Christy J. Buscaglia, Philip W. Patti, Assemblyman Frank A. Gugino, Frank Mendola.

Niagara Graduates.

Father Ciolino was graduated from St. Anthony's parochial school, Canisius high school, studied two years at Canisius college and was graduated from Niagara university in 1932 with the bachelor of arts degree. He was ordained Saturday morning by Bishop William Turner in St. Joseph's New cathedral.

Members of the recently-organized Circolo Femmine Montemaggiore, headed by Mrs. Rose Sciarino, president, also honored the new priest.

The Montemaggiore committee in charge of arrangements included Burt S. Maggio, chairman; Joseph Scaccia, John J. Mangano, Peter Fiorella and Stephen Zappia.