

Christian Brothers to Honor Town of Tonawanda Pastor

Msgr. Charles A. Klauder, pastor for the last 40 years of St. John the Baptist Church, Town of Tonawanda, will be affiliated by the Brothers of the Christian Schools in their worldwide institute April 23.

Affiliation is the highest and rarest honor bestowed by the 283-year-old Christian Brothers, the Catholic Church's largest religious congregation of men devoted exclusively to teaching.

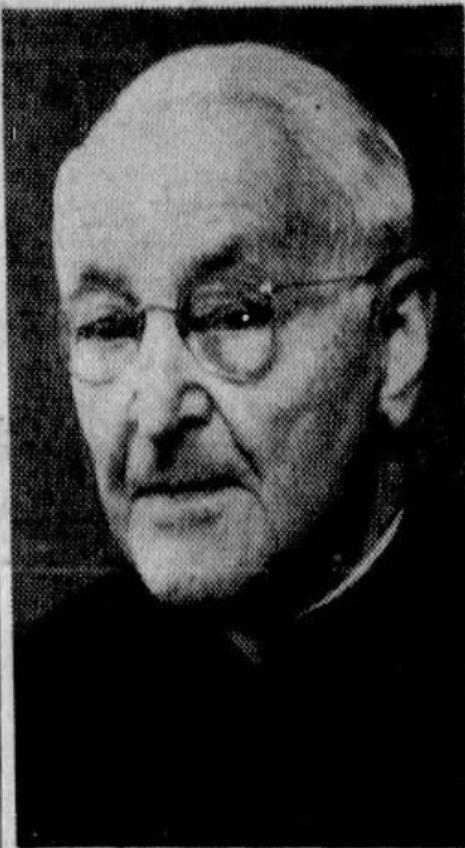
The ceremony will take place in the sanctuary of St. John Church during the 8 AM Mass which Msgr. Klauder will celebrate.

The citation will be read by Brother Albian Victor Hickey, FSC, principal and director of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, a private high school for boys conducted by the Christian Brothers. It is located in Msgr. Klauder's parish.

The 86-year-old monsignor, who has been a priest since 1918, will be presented the letters of affiliation by Brother Augustine Loes, FSC, head of the Christian Brothers' New York-New Jersey Province.

The letters of affiliation will come from the brothers' motherhouse in Rome and bear the signature of the group's superior general, the Most Honored Brother Charles Henry Buttimer.

The diploma of affiliation will incorporate Msgr. Klauder into the brothers' congregation so



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that he shares in the merits of all prayers and good works performed in the congregation.

The monsignor and his guests will be honored by the brothers at a dinner at noon that day in St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

Affiliation has been conferred only 45 times in New York State during the last century. Only living affiliates in the Buffalo area are Dr. William F. Burke and Msgr. Joseph E. Schieder, pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Town of Tonawanda.