



Our Men in Black

Favorite prayer

Every priest offers the Eucharistic sacrifice and the Liturgy of the Hours for the whole Church, and also for himself. The Liturgy of the Hours (is) what we give more time to, and it unites us with the whole Church in praising God. Also acts of faith, hope and love, and of course the rosary and the Memorare.

Favorite saint

First is the Blessed Mother, then St. Joseph (I'm named after him), and St. Anthony

Bishop Emeritus Arthur J. O'Neill

Retired

Ordained 1943

of Padua (whom I 'inherited' from my mother).

What has been a holy moment for you in your priesthood?

When I received the announcement that I had been nominated as bishop (and) I recall the moment when Bishop Boylan placed his hands on me and I moved from being a deacon to the priesthood.

What is an important lesson you learned from a priest?

There are so many. Msgr. John P. McGuire, rector at St. James, taught me, by example, the value of making a holy hour of prayer. Every Thursday he made a holy hour for (those serving in WWII).



(Observer photo by Penny Wiegert)

Advice for young people considering a vocation

Their call from the Lord is to serve the people (and) the first important aspect is their own spirituality.

Favorite temporal things

For many years, I had the habit of collecting clowns. I had read somewhere that Jesus in his great silence resembled clowns in the great courts who were silent (in their actions).

Favorite hobby or pastime

Right now it is reading.