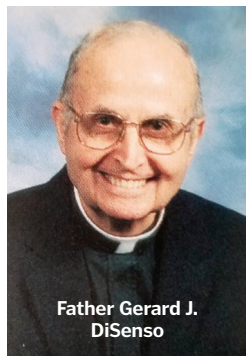


## Father Gerard DiSenso, Twice Served as Pastor



Father Gerard J. DiSenso

Father Gerard J. DiSenso, pastor emeritus of Holy Name of Jesus parish in Otisville, died June 9. He was 93.

Father DiSenso was pastor of Holy Name of Jesus from 1995 until his retirement in 1998, and also was pastor of St. Joseph's, Yorkville, in Manhattan, 1983-1995.

He also served as parochial vicar of St. Thomas More, Manhattan, 1976-1983; Most Holy Trinity, Mamaroneck, 1974-1976; Holy Family, the Bronx, 1969-1974; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Poughkeepsie, 1960-1969; St. Lucy's, the Bronx, 1955; and St. Lucy's, Manhattan, 1953-1954.

He served as chaplain of Elizabeth Seton School, Yonkers, 1955-1960, and New York Hospital, 1954-1955.

Cardinal Dolan was to offer the Funeral Mass June 16 in the Chapel of the John Cardinal O'Connor Pavilion, Riverdale.

Born in New York City, Father DiSenso studied at Cathedral College and St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, before being ordained by Cardinal Francis Spellman in 1953. He earned a master's degree in pastoral counseling from Iona College, New Rochelle.

Burial was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Hawthorne.

## Florence B. Carroll, 113, Parishioner in Amenia



Florence B. Carroll

Florence B. Carroll, a longtime resident of Amenia, where she was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church there, and later of Salisbury, Conn., died April 15 at Noble Horizons in Salisbury. Mrs. Carroll, who was 113 when she died, was the oldest living resident in Connecticut.

Born in Millerton, she was a member of Millerton High School's class of 1925. On Feb. 9, 1930 at Immaculate Conception Church, she married John J. Carroll, who predeceased her in 1989. They were the parents of nine children.

Mrs. Carroll remained an Immaculate Conception parishioner after entering the nursing home in Connecticut. She had worked as a private cook for AB Hall in Lakeville, Conn.

"I went to visit her at the nursing home, to give her blessings," Father Robert K. Wilson, pastor of Immaculate Conception, told Catholic New York about his pastoral visits with Mrs. Carroll. "They (Mrs. Carroll's children) were all brought up in the faith."

Mrs. Carroll is survived by two sons, John Carroll and Philip Carroll, and a daughter, Jean Leggett; she is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Carroll was also predeceased by five sons and a daughter.

A Funeral Mass was offered April 21 at Immaculate Conception Church in Amenia. Burial was at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Amenia.

## Pandemic Recovery Requires Conversion, Pope Says

By CINDY WOODEN

Promoting the holistic development of everyone requires conversion, "and especially decisions that convert death into life and weapons into food," Pope Francis said.

As many nations begin returning to a semblance of normal, even as the Covid-19 pandemic continues, governments and economists and citizens must act now to look carefully at what that "normal" was, judge what was good or bad about it and act to make life better for everyone, the pope said in a message June 15 to the Bratislava Forum.

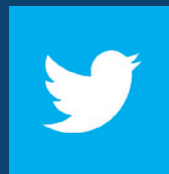
The forum, sponsored by the think tank GLOBSEC, brings together politicians, business leaders and others to focus on issues of importance for the people of Central and Eastern Europe.

To work for a better future, the pope said, an honest assessment of the past, "including the acknowledgment of systemic failures, past errors and lack of responsibility with regard to the Creator, our neighbor and all creation, strikes me as essential for the development of a model of recovery aimed not only at rebuilding what was, but also correcting the things that were not working, even before the advent of the coronavirus, and that ended up making the crisis worse."

In looking around, he said, "what I see is a world that allowed itself to be duped by a false and arrogant sense of security based on a thirst for profit."

"I see a model of economic and social life marked by many forms of inequality and selfishness where a tiny minority of the world population possesses most of its wealth and does not hesitate to exploit people and resources," he said. And "I see a way of life that is insufficiently concerned for the environment."

Urging the forum participants to act, Pope Francis insisted that promoting development must be done in a way that is centered on "each person and the whole person" and "embraces the ethics of solidarity and political charity." —CNS



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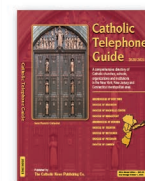
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