

**The New York State Morgan Horse Society
proudly nominates
Msgr. Robert C. Wurtz as an AMHA Master.**

Msgr. Robert C. Wurtz, or as his friends in the New York State Morgan Horse Society know him "Father Bob", is a native New Yorker, born in 1932, and lived in Orchard Park before moving to East Aurora. He attended Canisus College for Undergraduate and Post Graduate work and attended Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure Universtiy. He also holds the honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters from Niagara University. He is a Past Chairman of the New York State Morgan Horse Society, Trail Ride committee and is Past Vice President of the East Aurora Driving Society. He served as the Chaplain of the Erie County Mounted Division from 1968-1975.

Msgr. Wurtz grew up with draft horses on a farm in western New York State and obtained his first half Morgan in 1950. While completing his education he was without a horse but in 1964 he purchased his first registered Morgan and has owned over a dozen since then, including Long View Cimmaron who he rode as the Grand Marshall of the Lackawanna Parade. He has been an active participant in the western NYSMHS trail rides and especially enjoyed the three day Brookfield rides. Presently he owns Waldemere Thunder Bay (Tri-Acre Triditon x Bay Colleen) a handsome 15H bay gelding that he enjoys on the trails and carriage driving when time permits.

Congratulations to Al and Father Bob! The NYSMHS is extremely pleased to name you as AMHA Masters. Also, Congratulation to JoAnn Squier, Judy Anderson, and Peg Flint on receiving your AMHA Promotion Awards.

Thank you for all the support you have given your club throughout the years. As a club we rely on our volunteers to support our many functions and promote our wonderful Morgans . You folks are great examples for all of to follow.

We applaud you!