

White-robed candidates lie prostrate before altar prior to ordination as deacons in May 9 ceremony. Kneeling nearest altar are Bishop Hogan (left) and Father Joseph P. Brennan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary.

17 Ordained to Diaconate

Seventeen students of St. Bernard's Seminary were ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Hogan in a public ceremony Saturday evening, May 9, at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece.

Seven of the deacons were ordained for service in the Rochester Diocese. They are:

Bryan Brown, Williamsville, N.Y.; Edward Palumbos, whose home parish is St. Cecelia's, Irondequoit; Robert Rice, St. Rita's, Webster; Gary Shaw, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Rochester; Ronald Stacy, St. Salome's, Irondequoit; Walter Syzmanski, Pittsburgh, Pa.; John Zimmerman, St. John the Evangelist's, Spencerport.

Deacons ordained for other dioceses included:

Syracuse — Paul Carey, Michael Donnelly, Paul Slavetskis; Providence — Paul Charland, John Petrocelli, Raymond Tetrault; Albany — James Bazyk, Thomas Krupa; Ogdensburg — Raymond Wartman; Hartford — Kenneth Shiner. Previously ordained deacons in their own dioceses were Thomas Lynch and George Ronkowitz, Bridgeport; Robert Schmid, Camden.

The ordination ritual began after the gospel when each alb-robed seminarian knelt before the Bishop to promise "respect and obedience" to his Ordinary. Then, again separately, each presented himself to receive symbolically the gospel book.

Following prostration of the candidates, during the Litany of the Saints, each again knelt to be ordained by imposition of the Bishop's hands on his head and a prayer of consecration.

A deacon is commissioned to preach the gospel, baptize, administer Communion, perform certain blessings and at times to officiate at weddings or funerals. Particularly since Vatican II Council, some laymen are receiving this major order.

As most of the St. Bernard's students today, the deacons have been engaged in volunteer work in parishes or with various community organizations or agencies.

One of them, the Rev. Mr. Paul Bazyk, has been working with multiple sclerosis patients through the Al Sigl Center and Monroe Community Hospital. In tribute to him, five of the wheelchair patients were brought to

the diaconate ceremony and received Holy Communion from their deacon friend.

Students Offered European Summer

An English teacher at Bishop Kearney High School, Sister Miriam Patrick, SSND., will chaperone a group of high school students on a European study-travel tour this summer.

The students will live at Cambridge University July 20 to August 14, taking various courses in English literature, and then will visit Brussels, Paris, Milan and Rome. The tour, organized through the American Institute for Foreign Study, will begin July 15 and end Aug. 24.

Several places are available, Sister Miriam said. She may be reached at 342-4000 for further information.

Auction Assumes Ecumenical Tone

Hornell — Ecumenism got a hearty bid this week as two parishioners of St. Ann's turned auctioneers to help the B'nai B'rith Brotherhood of Beth-El Temple here.

George M. Hammond and Frank Jacobs shared the block at the benefit auction. Hammond is principal of Lincoln School in Hornell and a well-known stamp wholesaler. Jacobs is co-manager of a local shoe store.



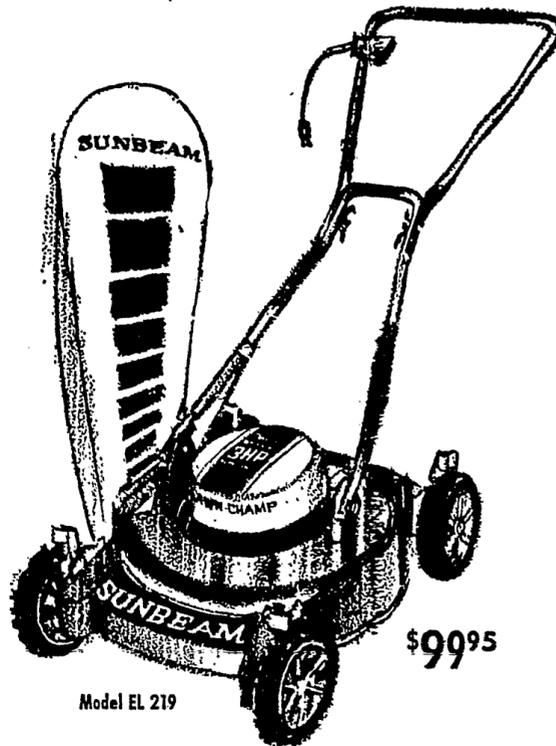
Sister to Speak

Sister Mary Pius Keough, RSM, communications director for the Sisters of Mercy, will discuss "Christ and the Liberation of Women" at a meeting in St. Thomas the Apostle parish hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20. Open to women of the parish, the meeting is sponsored by the Rosary Society.



Rev. Mr. James Bazyk, one of new deacons ordained by Bishop Hogan May 9, gives Communion to five multiple sclerosis patients with whom he has been associated in "field work" while pursuing his studies for the priesthood at St. Bernard's Seminary. They attended his diaconate ordination in tribute to him.

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