

# Five Deacons Given Special Roles in Diocese

Five deacons, graduates of four years of theology at St. Bernard's Seminary, this week were named by Bishop Hogan as special assistants in area parishes in a new program of "pastoral internship" leading to their ordination as priests next year.

The diocese had no ordination of new priests this year for only the second time in the 77-year history of St. Bernard's. (As a result of speed-up of seminary training because of World War II in the middle 40's there was no class available for ordination during 1952).

Announcing the appointments, Bishop Hogan explained that the delay in the ordination of this year's Deacon Class had been planned by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen several years ago to allow the students practical parish experience after completion of their academic training. Bishop Hogan approved the program when he succeeded Archbishop Sheen last November.

When the deacons feel certain they are ready for the priest-



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hood after having the "greatest variety of parish experience possible" for about six months, the Bishop explained, they will request ordination. The ordinations, to take place in the Spring of 1971, will probably be individual rather than in a group.

The appointments, effective Sept. 13 are:

Rev. Mr. Robert Hoffman of

Auburn to St. Charles Borromeo Church, Greece;

Rev. Mr. Peter Bayer of Rochester to the Office of Human Concern;

Rev. Mr. Donald Curtiss of Penn Yan to the Church of the Nativity, Brockport;

Rev. Mr. Frederick Helfrich of Spencerport to Church of the Holy Name in Greece;

Rev. Mr. David Mura of Rochester to Holy Trinity Church, Webster.

The deacons will perform all the duties of ordinary curate in the parishes with the exception of celebrating the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. They will baptize, preach, distribute Holy Communion, take Communion to the sick, participate in funeral ceremonies, witness marriages and direct Bible vigils.

In the area of general pastoral concern they will visit the sick in homes and hospitals, make home visitations, help in religious education of children and adults and instruct con-

verts. They will be expected to assist in parish youth work, direct discussion groups, help in pre-marriage instructions and investigations.

Four of the five deacons, with the exception of Rev. Mr. Mura who is studying in Rome, are presently working in the seminary-directed program called Clinical Pastoral Education. During the 11-week CPE program, the students are given a specialized supervision in working with the people, patients and staff of the institutions to which they are assigned.

The intern-deacons are presently located: Rev. Mr. Curtiss at California Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Mr. Hoffman at Gowanda State Hospital, Helmut, N.Y.; Rev. Mr. Helfrich at Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa.; Rev. Mr. Bayer, Memorial Hospital, Long Beach, Calif.

Rev. Lawrence Murphy, diocesan director of the Deacon Internship, explained the teaching role of the priest to whom a deacon is assigned for training will be serious:

"This minister-apprentice relationship will emphasize the educational opportunity which working with a self-confident priest affords. The place and the tasks are really less important than the personal relationship with a man who has a well-defined self-image of himself as a priest.

The pressure of supervising the deacon-intern will add such responsibility of time and effort to the priest-supervisor, he added, that "the pastor will need his regular full-time assistant more than ever."

For his service the deacon will receive from the parish a basic salary of \$100 a month plus room and board and a car allowance.

During the period of internship the deacons will meet with Father Murphy and other teachers twice a month for continuing discussions on the pastoral administration of the Sacraments, spiritual life, counseling and contemporary situations occurring in rectory and parish life.



## Captive Nations Week in City

Last week was proclaimed Captive Nations Week in Rochester. A large delegation, including representatives of Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine, and led by local chairman William Ondrushin, joined Mayor Stephen May for the ceremony in the City Council Chambers.

Mayor May stressed that Captive Nations Week is designed to focus attention on nations which have been enslaved by Communist powers, and the importance of all Americans working for their freedom and independence. He added that

Rochesterians have a special responsibility to take the lead in this effort because this city has benefitted so greatly from the presence and activities of citizens who have come to our community from nations now under the communist rule.

## Sisters Together Again After 41-Year Separation

Not many South Africans come this way. Why should they? To tour Kodak Park and look at Niagara Falls?

Dominican Sister Mary Vincent had good reason. Her sister lives here, and the two of them hadn't managed a meeting since they parted in Ireland in 1929. They were brought up on a County Mayo farm.

Sister gets to travel once in seven or eight years, and this time she made it to Rochester, to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Edward O'Shaughnessy of Avis Street. They looked up a lot of relatives in Canada and Ohio, and they toured Kodak Park and went to Niagara Falls.

"Hectic," the soft-voiced nun observed, Kodak Park, "impressive," Niagara Falls, "magnificent," South Africa, "beautiful country, delightful climate." On politics, no comment, none at all. The Irish lady, naturalized citizen of a mysterious land, is noticeably discreet.

She teaches English and history to English-speaking suburbanites, in a high school outside Johannesburg. "The work is hard; it takes all of one's time—classes, and meeting the students' parents," and the school has the familiar money problem, she said.

Sister wears hippie glasses, she would be surprised to learn, and a creamy white serge garment that was designed in the 13th Century and is "coming back into style," she noted, pointing out its shoe-top length.

More on that subject from a world traveler: the mini-skirts of Rochester are conservative. "You should see what they're wearing in London!"

## Pruitt Named 'Father of Year'

Robert L. Pruitt, 53 Lansdowne Lane, Pittsford, partner-in-charge of Arthur Andersen & Company, learned July 15 that he received the national Berkshire Company-Hooker Chemical Company "Junior Achievement Father of the Year Award."

Mr. Pruitt is recognized as the founding father of J.A. of Rochester, served as a J. A. adviser in Kansas City and Denver, and has served as Junior Achievement of Rochester's first president, chairman of the board and 1969 fund drive chairman.

Mr. Pruitt is also the father of two girls.



## Youngsters Enjoy Summer 'Camp' at Mercy High

Sister Mary Ann Binsack, RSM, director of summer Camp Silver Birch at Our Lady of Mercy High School, Blossom Road, supervises play for 12 of 35 youngsters registered. Camp continues to July 31. Pictured from left are: Joseph Dugan, St. Thomas More parish; Sarah Weidman, St. John the Evangelist's, Rochester; Mark Guerinot, St. Boniface; Martha Leene, Our Lady of Lourdes; Sister Mary Ann; Martha Kallenbach, St. John's, Rochester; Dexter Johnson, St. Louis; Elizabeth Gagary, St. Thomas More, Brighton; Ann Benvenuto, Good Shepherd, Henrietta; Mary Ellen Krebs, St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit; Amy Richter, St. John's, Rochester; John Clement, St. Paul's, Webster. Camp enrolls children 6-10.

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## Nocturnal Adoration Society Busy Throughout Diocese

Hundreds of men from parishes in 16 communities of the diocese will participate in hour-long vigils before the Blessed Sacrament this weekend—from 10 p.m. Saturday, July 26, until 6 or 7 a.m. Sunday.

It will be a routine devotion for members of the Nocturnal Adoration Society of the diocese, now in its 40th year of existence. The organization was started in the U.S. 67 years ago.

In most cases the men join a band which meets at a different hour each month, beginning the first month from 10 to 11 p.m., the second from 11 p.m. until midnight, and so on until 5 to 6 a.m. or 6 to 7 a.m. Devotions include individual and

group prayers, the latter in reparation for sin, for intentions of the Holy Father, and for sick and deceased members.

Celebration of Mass closes the final vigil hour. Centers in the diocese where vigils are held include parishes in Rochester, Auburn, Brockport, Corning, Dansville, East Rochester, Elmira, Geneseo, Hornell, Ithaca, Lima, Livonia, Penn Yan, Seneca Falls and Wayland.

Members of the diocesan Nocturnal Adoration Society have scheduled their annual Mass and Communion breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 11, in the new Holiday Inn, now being constructed at Main and St. Paul Streets, Rochester.