



GEM Installation

The new director of the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, Father Henry Atwell, left, poses with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and Rev. Marvin Chandler, GEM's associate director for Black Ministries, at their March 12 dual installation in Asbury First United Methodist Church. Evening installation service was attended by representatives from nine member denominations of GEM.

Rockefeller Proposes \$30.7 Million School Aid

Albany — Declaring that the state has a "prime responsibility" to ensure the health and safety of its citizens under the state constitution, Gov. Rockefeller Saturday unveiled his plan for aiding nonpublic schools.

Aid would amount to \$30.75

million under the plan which would provide health and safety grants for maintenance and repair programs along with special grants for poverty area schools.

Three types of aid would be provided for the current school year:

- Health and safety grants of \$30 per year.

- Annual assistance of \$12 per student enrolled in schools serving high concentration of pupils from low-income families.

- One-time grants of \$10 per student for deferred maintenance and repairs required.

The governor had promised a plan to replace the program struck down as unconstitutional by a federal court in January. It would have provided funds for such things as teachers salaries. The court ruled that it violated separation of church and state.

Diocesan school officials reserved comment on the new plan until they have had the opportunity to study it in full.

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Five Deacons To Be Ordained To Priesthood

The Pastoral Office announced last week that five deacons will be ordained to the priesthood for the Rochester Diocese during March and April.

All five are graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary.

The first to be ordained is Deacon Edward L. Palumbos, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Palumbos of Rochester, who will be elevated to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan at St. Charles Borromeo Church, Friday, March 24.

Deacon Louis A. Vasile, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Vasile of Auburn, will be ordained in his home parish church St. Francis of Assisi, by Bishop Hogan, Saturday, April 8.

Deacon David E. Fedor, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emery J. Fedor, also of Auburn, will be

ordained by Bishop Dennis W. Hickey at Holy Ghost Church, Saturday, April 15.

Deacon Ronald W. Stacy will be ordained by Bishop Hogan Saturday, April 22, at St. Mary's, Auburn. Deacon Stacy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Staszewski (Stacy) of Rochester.

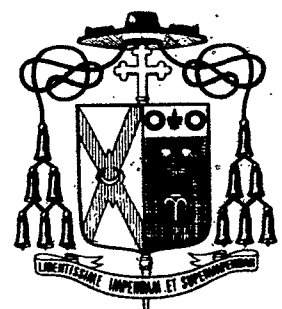
Deacon Gary P. Shaw, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Shaw of Rochester will be ordained by Bishop Hogan in Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Friday, April 28.

Of the present group of ordinands, four will be ordained in the churches to which they were assigned as deacons.

Departing from traditional practice, the deacons are being ordained separately rather than in a single large group. Several other deacons are expected to be ordained later this year.

Diocesan

Appointments



Father Bernard F. Dollen to be pastor of St. Andrew's, Rochester.

Father Bernardino Grauslys to be pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church, Rochester.

Father Augustine Simanavicius to be assistant pastor of St. George's Lithuanian Church.

Grant Dispensation for March 17

Since traditional St. Patrick's Day Celebrations have already been planned for some time, Bishop Hogan grants a dispensation from the Friday Lenten abstinence on March 17.

He recommends, however, a prayerful and reflective observ-

ance of the feast this year in view of the daily tragedies reported from North Ireland where the sense of the sacredness of human life has been devalued in a society seriously ill with bitter hatred and violence caused by flagrant injustice.