

Black Ministries Sets Catechetical Program

A catechetical workshop is slated for next week that will help teachers design classroom religious experience involving Catholic, Baptist, Methodist and other Christian groups; in but one part of its program.

The diocesan Office of Black Ministries is sponsoring the workshop which will feature nationally known educators in the black community.

The principal speakers for the two-day event are Sister Toinette Eugene, PVBM, and Father James Lyke, OFM. Sister Toinette, a Presentation Sister and a member of the National Black (Catholic) Sisters' Conference, has taught in a variety of educational settings and has served on parish staffs where she has designed models of catechesis and education for urban ministries.

Father Lyke is pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Memphis, Tenn., and has served on the board of directors of both the National Office for Black Catholics and the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. He has published sacramental and pastoral programs for ministry in the black community. In addition, he is serving as a consultant for the National Catechetical Directory.

Serving as a resource materials consultant during the workshop will be Brother Timothy Richardson, OFM. Brother Timothy works in the black community of Harlem in religious education, instruction and coordination.

The workshop will be hosted by Corpus Christi Church on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. Both days' events begin at 10 a.m.

Other aspects of the workshop include aiding

teachers in an understanding of black religious experience in order to deepen appreciation, and to render more effective service; the utilization of resources and appropriate methodology in the preparation for and celebration of the sacraments; in designing

religious experiences which meet the needs of multi-cultural populations.

The cost of the program is \$2.50 each day. Reservations should be made through the Office of Black Ministries, 1150 Buffalo Rd, Rochester, N.Y., 14624, by March 23.



Warm Welcome

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan's visit to St. John's in Spencerport was received warmly as can be seen from these photos taken after Mass, Sunday, March 6. Particularly interesting was his homily which gave parishioners a better understanding of his office and the tradition and symbolism of it.



Chrism Mass

Rites Point up Healing, Common Priesthood

BY MARY ANN GINNERTY

Documentation on the evolution of the Chrism Mass is sparse and practices have differed throughout the centuries, but the blessing of the holy oils is a tradition dating back to the early days of the Church.

When Bishop Joseph L. Hogan gathers with people from throughout the diocese at St. Mary's, Auburn on April 5, the celebration will be a joyous one. Paramount will be the prayer and faith of the community which accompanies the blessing of the oils.

It really isn't known how oil first came to symbolize healing and started to be used in anointing, but it is found deep in the life of the Old Testament. Oil was seen by the Israelites as a spiritual symbol. Its symbolism in setting apart kings, priests and prophets for God seemed to be in the penetration of the candidate by the divine spirit.

Oil was taken over as one of the sacramental signs in the New Testament. The title "Messiah," Christ, means the anointed of God.

There are three distinct oils used by the Church. The blessing of the oils used in Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Anointing of the Sick has always been reserved for the Bishop, although recent guidelines have allowed the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick to be blessed by priests, if and when the need arises.

The Oil of Catechumens is used in baptism and extends the effect of the



Father Oliver Stokes, O.P., associate pastor at Holy Family, Auburn, prepares oil to be used in the Anointing of the Sick.

baptism exorcisms and the protection from the power of evil in this world.

The oil used in anointing of the sick states the idea of comfort, healing and the strength oil has. So in that situation, the anointing of oil done by the minister in the name of the Church brings comfort and strength. It is the sign of the Church's concern for the sick person and a sign of strength God gives to the sick person through the sacrament.

Chrism, the oil of consecration, is a mixture of olive oil and sweet smelling balsam. By its use in baptism, Christians enter into the paschal mystery of Christ, sharing in his royal and prophetic priesthood.

By Confirmation, Christians receive the spiritual anointing of the spirit who is given to them.

By Holy Orders, certain Christians are anointed for

the particular ministry of sanctifying the Christian people and offering sacrifice to God.

Oil is the symbol of divine healing, the giving of strength and priestly power. It is the spirit above all whose presence is signified by the oil. It is the spirit who unites the community members with one another and with Christ.

In addition to the blessing of oils, the Chrism Mass is also one of the principle expressions of the fullness of the Bishop's priesthood and signifies the close unity of the priests, the deacons and the people with him. This celebration becomes a renewal of baptismal consecration and of cooperative service in the name of Christ.

After the Chrism Mass, representatives of each parish return home with the oils that will renew and heal them in the coming year.



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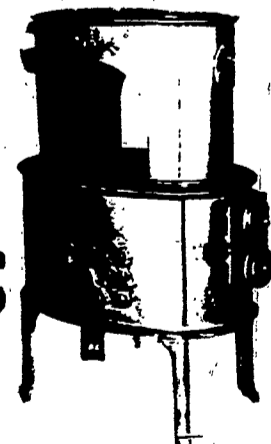
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