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25 Priests Given New Assignments

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan approved new assignments for 25 diocesan priests last week; to take effect June 28, and in addition affirmed appointments made by the Precious Blood Fathers.

Father Albert DePascale, CPPS, who has been associate pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, Rochester, becomes pastor,

taking the place of Father Carlo Della Vecchia, CPPS, who has been assigned outside of the diocese.

New Precious Blood priests in the diocese will be Fathers Daniel Raible and Luciano Baiocchi, who will serve as rector and administrator, respectively, of the order's house of studies on Highland Avenue.

ASSOCIATE PASTORS

Father Joseph M. Egan, to St. Mary's, Elmira; retired from pastorate of St. Patrick's, Elmira.

Father Paul J. Ryan, to St. John the Evangelist, Greece, from St. Patrick's, Elmira.

Father Thomas F. Corbett, to Holy Apostles, Rochester, from St. Mary's, Elmira.

Father William Leone, to St. Jerome's, East Rochester, from St. Francis de Sales, Geneva.

Father Robert Beligotti, to St. Vincent de Paul, Corning, from Holy Family, Auburn.

Father Richard Beligotti, to St. Agnes, Avon, from Holy Cross, Rochester.

Father Robert Gaudio, to St. Alphonsus, Auburn, from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport.

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Annual Convocation

'Sense of Story' Needed, DPC Members Told

By MARTIN TOOMBS

A people who don't know their own story are an oppressed people, Father Jerome Robinson, OP, told the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) at its third Convocation Weekend. "You as a council must have a sense of story," to be effective, he said.

Father Robinson, diocesan director of Black Ministries, was keynote speaker for the convocation, Friday and Saturday at Becket Hall. He cited the importance of a "sense of story," stating that if we want to know what God is doing in our lives we need to know everything "that makes you who you are."

That sense of story is "indispensable for being on the DPC," Father Robinson said, and that sense must be "expanded by what's happening among the people of God" around the world.

"To understand the signs of the times is an implication of leadership," Father Robinson said, challenging members to be active leaders as DPC members. "If the DPC becomes a maintenance organization," merely working on preservation and not improvement, "it will have no integrity and no effect," he said.

An understanding of theology also is important for council membership, Father Robinson said. Some think that "theology is way over there," only for those in a seminary; "theology is more than that," he emphasized. "It tells us who God is and what He is doing in our time," he noted. If the DPC is a ministry, he said, it is "only to the degree that it is undergirded by theology."

Theology is "the conscious effort to hear attentively, respectfully what God is saying to us," Father Robinson said. "Theology is never apart from the intimacy of God's relationship to our lives," he emphasized.

DPC members should be willing to impart their gifts to the diocese through their activities on the DPC, Father Robinson said. Each person has relatively little to offer, he explained further, but together significant things are possible. He cited the Biblical story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, noting that the boy with the fish and bread willingly gave them up to be distributed among the crowd. Father Robinson called for the DPC members to "give the Lord yourself" the way the boy did his food, "and wait and see what He'll do" with it.

From the talents DPC members have, Father Robinson concluded, he knows that the DPC has imagination, so "I'll leave you to put meat on the bones."

Responding to a question, Father Robinson commented on the problems some persons have with the Vatican II changes. He noted that the pre-Vatican



Donald Blandford, Edward Brusso and Hilda Stebbins listening to Father Robinson's address to the DPC Friday night. Blandford represents ministry to blacks, and is from Ss. Peter and Paul, Elmira. Brusso, of St. Charles Borromeo, Elmira Heights, and Mrs. Stebbins, St. Mary Our Mother, Horseheads, are Chemung-Schuyler delegates.

American Church produced many people who knew how to act religious, but couldn't tell you who Jesus Christ is. "They were very religious people but they never came to understand their faith," he explained. Those rejecting Vatican II didn't have a "crisis of faith, but a crisis of religiosity," he commented. Religious fervor should not be an end in itself, he said, but "part of a deeper process."

A problem since Vatican II, he pointed out, was that people were "so bombarded with what we should be" with no information on how to change.

He also emphasized the mistake in trying to teach people about Christ without noticing that they were without food, shelter or human rights.

Father Robinson also addressed the council Saturday morning, discussing organizational questions. He called on the DPC to be a strong body, and not be concerned with power. Strength and power are different, he noted, and "strength endures longer than power." Strength can tolerate weakness, while power can't, he noted. The DPC needs "the kind of strength that does not have to dominate," he emphasized.

He also mentioned several questions that DPC members should answer for themselves, he said. Issues such as what the body of principles the DPC will use, and what they will reflect, must be considered, he noted.

Canonization Sunday

When Blessed John Nepomucene Neumann, CSSR, is officially proclaimed a saint at a ceremonial liturgy in the Vatican Sunday, observances here in the diocese will mark the occasion.

Pope Paul VI will be principal concelebrant of the canonization Mass at St. Peter's Square. Concelebrants will be Cardinals John Krol of Philadelphia and Terence Cooke of New York. Archbishop William D. Borders of Baltimore, Bishop Vincent Leonard of Pittsburgh, Father Joseph Pfab, CSSR, superior general of the Redemptorists, and Bishop Frantisek Tomasek, apostolic administrator of Prague, Czechoslovakia.

positions connected with the life of the saint-to-be. He was bishop of Philadelphia from 1852-1860, was ordained a priest in New York in 1836; was pastor of a parish in Baltimore where he was named bishop in 1852, was pastor of a Pittsburgh parish in 1844, and was superior general of the Redemptorists. He was born in Prague in 1811. He died in Philadelphia in 1860 at the age of 48.

After being ordained in New York City he was sent to the Niagara Frontier and on the way spent several days in Rochester. He preached his first sermon, baptized and heard confessions for the first time in Rochester.

Among the local celebrations, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty

will offer a Pontifical Mass at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Weather permitting, the bishop and concelebrants will proceed from the Cathedral school into the Cathedral, accompanied by honor guards from the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John.

Also Sunday, at 11 a.m., Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey will celebrate Mass and deliver the homily as highlight of "A Day of Celebration" at the Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, which is run by the Redemptorists. The celebration will note the canonization and also commemorate the 10th anniversary of the retreat house.

The public is invited to both celebrations.

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