

OBM Board Bids Priest Farewell

Following the announcement last week that Father Jerome Robinson, OP is resigning the post of executive secretary of the diocesan Office of Black Ministries, the board of directors of that office issued the statement.

The statement was written by the board chairperson, Father James K. Duah-Agyeman.

"It is with deep regret that the Board of Directors of the Office of Black Ministries accepts the resignation of Father Jerome R. Robinson, OP, as its executive secretary.

"As the first executive secretary of the Office of Black Ministries, Father Robinson has certainly begun a process that needs to continue and we do promise him that his dreams and aspirations will not be killed. We now have a full board ready to implement strong out-reach programs in the Black and Catholic com-

munity of Rochester's Diocese.

"With the Black family as the big umbrella under which all programs are operative, the programs need to work and they will work, praying God.

"Father Robinson was certainly an asset to the Office of Black Ministries and to the diocese as a whole. He is a dynamic young man with a great sense of mission based upon his sound theological formation. His critique and analysis of various situations affecting the Black and Catholic community in the United States in the face of various societal and ecclesiastical developments have been quite helpful in the directions of the Office of Black Ministries of the Diocese of Rochester.

"While he is still in office, we would utilize his resources to fill the position. A search committee is formed to bring recommendations to the full board and we hope to fill the

position by mid-June. However, Father Robinson is not replaced before he leaves for one reason or the other, the board would pick up some of the ministerial duties of the position until he is replaced.

"To Father Robinson we say, 'Out of sight does not mean out of mind.' We will keep a line of communications open with you as you enjoy the African hospitality that would be accorded you by our Nigerian brothers and sisters. Yes! The good old African hospitality so long abused and misconstrued by exploited tourists, even missionaries and of course exploiters.

"We leave you with the words of St. Augustine: 'I am always displeased with what you are if you desire to attain what you are not; for where you have pleased yourself there you abide. But if you say, I have enough, you perish. Always add, always work, always proceed. Neither stand still nor go back nor deviate.' In other words, there

is always room for improvement for any human being. We pray God's blessings upon you and your future. May He let you see that no man, nor woman, nor any person could contain ministry. Ministry is bigger than us all.

"Again we say God bless you. May God grant you peace; may God grant you love, and above all good luck."

1949 Class

Our Lady of Mercy graduation class of 1949 will hold a reunion, Tuesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m. at Cinelli's Country Restaurant, Lake Road inodus.

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Blessed Sacrament

Blessed Sacrament, 546 Oxford St., off Monroe Ave., announced its Holy Week schedule this week. Today at 8 a.m. there will be a Morning Prayer Service and at 7 p.m. a general Penance service is scheduled. On Holy Thursday the morning service will be repeated at 8 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Supper where lay ministers will be invested. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow in the convent chapel

from 8.30 to midnight.

Good Friday Will begin with the 8 a.m. morning service and at 3 p.m. a Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Pasion and Death will take place. The Easter Vigil service will be on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament's Easter Sunday Masses will be at 7:45, 9:15, and 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.



Visitors

Diane Fuchs, Terry Donahue, Karen Daane, and Tom Reller, pupils at St. Thomas More School, play with some special visitors, from Lollipop Farm. The visit was part of a special program conducted by the Humane Society. Teaching the children how to handle the animals is W. Martin Kearney of the society.

Plan your Lenten Menu with us in mind.



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Blood Drive

St. James Church has scheduled this year's annual blood drive for the Red Cross for Wednesday, April 18 from 1-7 p.m. in the church hall, 109 Brockley Rd., Irondequoit. St. James has donated 780 pints of blood in seven years. Shown above are Pati Lannon (right), a Red Cross worker, and Adel Tette, St. James Bloodmobile chairman.