

Carmelite Geneticist To Be Ordained Priest

Brother Matthew J. Temple, O.Carm., a native of Rochester, will be ordained a priest by Auxiliary Bishop Austin B. Vaughn of New York, 11 a.m., Saturday, June 12, at Transfiguration Church in Tarrytown.

The Carmelite ordinand is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Temple Jr. of St. Margaret Mary Parish. He professed his solemn vows in the Carmelites last August.

He attended St. Margaret Mary School, St. Andrew's Seminary, King's Prep, and was part of the Becket Hall program at St. John Fisher College.

He completed his college studies at Catholic University of America, and earned a doctorate in biology at Georgetown University. His graduate work includes studies at Children's Hospital in Paris and at the University of Bristol, England. In addition he has attended international genetic conferences in Moscow and Mexico City. Following his novitiate year with the Carmelites, he pursued studies for the priesthood at Catholic University, earning an MA in moral theology.

He is certified as a medical geneticist, and after or-



BROTHER MATTHEW

He will pursue a post-doctoral fellowship in human genetics at Georgetown. There his work will involve genetic counseling, teaching, research and bio-ethics.

He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving, 5 p.m., Saturday, June 19, at St. Margaret Mary. A parish reception will follow in the school hall.

DPC Approves Budget, Names New Board

The Diocesan Pastoral Council, meeting last Saturday at Guardian Angels in Henrietta, recommended the diocesan plan and budget for 1982-83 and elected a new executive committee.

Shirley Toole was re-elected chairman, and Sister Ann Habershaw, vice chairman. Named to the committee were Mrs. Patricia Defendorf, Corning; Gerald Driscoll, Webster; Christopher Felio, Rochester; Mrs. Mary Eichas-Gavigan, Hilton; and Robert O'Gara, Owego.

Healing Mass Scheduled

Father Dennis Kelleher, CSSR, formerly of Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, now head of the Marian Healing Ministry in the Bronx, will return to the diocese to celebrate a charismatic healing Mass, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 17, at St. Peter and Paul Church. Charismatic prayer group members have been particularly invited to the event.

The priest and the healing ministry has recently been featured on nationally broadcast television programs.

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The School Sisters of Notre Dame of the Wilton, Conn., province will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their foundation June 12.

The theme of Saturday's celebration is "The Fidelity of God and His Surprises to Us," and will take place in Connecticut.

The province is reckoned as home to all the Sisters of the congregation in the Diocese of Rochester save for Sister Muriel Curran, whose motherhouse is located at Baltimore.

The Wilton group was formed in 1957, when the Baltimore province was divided to better serve the ministerial needs of the congregation. The province cares for 640 Sisters in the international congregation.

Poland Fund Campaign Draws to Close

Diocesans and others contributed \$118,057.87 to the emergency Tribute to Poland campaign, Father Joseph Reinhart said last week, also announcing that the local funds had all been sent on to the national office and that they considered the campaign a close.

The figure includes \$103,303.15 in individual donations, and \$14,754.72 realized from the sale of "Solidarity" buttons.

"We thank all of those who have been so generous in helping our brothers and sisters in Poland," Father Reinhart said. "Unfortunately we have not acknowledged every gift, but we thought it better to save expenses and send everything on."

Father Reinhart, head of the diocesan Missions Office, served as the accountant and receiving agent for the campaign.

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Correction

Father Arthur Waltzer will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his 50 years in the priesthood, noon, Sunday, June 13, at St. Peter and Paul Church, 720 Main St. W. The date was incorrectly given in last week's edition.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Corpus Christi Is Living Reality

Sunday's Readings: (R3) Mk. 14/12-16. (R1) Ex. 24/3-8. (R2) Heb. 9/11-15.

Sunday is the Feast of Corpus Christi — the body and blood of Christ.

Corpus Christi highlights the presence of the risen Christ among us.

We know that the body and blood of Christ is made present in the Blessed Sacrament through the Mass. At Mass, after the consecration, the priest invites the people to make a profession of faith in Corpus Christi. The priest says, "Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith."

Every time I have asked a group, "What is this mystery of faith?" they answered, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." But such an acclamation is a statement of fact and a promise — it is not the mystery. The mystery of faith proclaimed at Mass is that this Christ who has died, who is risen, who will come again is — after the consecration — really, truly, substantially, present, here and now, right in the midst of His people: "The Beyond in our midst."

A good definition of the Mass can be found in this concept of presence. We might define the Mass as the celebration of the mystery of the presence of God in the midst of His people to change them.

The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that God's presence in the Eucharist is multifaceted. He is present in the Christian assembly gathered for worship. Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst. The Introductory Rites of the Mass are geared purposely to make God's people aware that He is present among them.

A second presence of God at Mass is His word. At the end of the readings we say, "This is the word of the Lord," not the word about the Lord. The Liturgy of the Word celebrates the presence of God as speaking to us here and now at Mass.

Both these presences of God, in the assembly and in His word, prepare for the unique presence of the Son of God under the appearances of bread and wine. The Eucharistic Liturgy celebrates this unique presence. In the Eucharistic Liturgy, the priest speaks and acts exactly as Christ did at the Last Supper.

At this august moment in the Mass, the risen Christ is present, not just to be adored but to help us worship the Father fitly and to change us. He offers Himself and us with Himself to the Father; and we, in turn, offer ourselves and Him. The Father responds by giving us Corpus Christi, the Body that makes men strong, and the Blood that germinates virgins.

Finally, God is the Father of all. He chooses a few, never for privilege, but for mission. Likewise, he is present in the assembly, in the word and uniquely in the signs of bread and wine, so that we, nourished, might be able to go and make His presence known to the world in which we move.

And what ought our response be to God's four-fold presence at Mass? In the Introductory Rites we ought to acknowledge our unworthiness as Peter did in the presence of Jesus: "Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." (The Penitential Rite) At the Liturgy of the Word we ought to listen thankfully to God speaking to us. At the Eucharistic Liturgy we ought to worship the Father and receive the Son in Holy Communion. And all of this, so that we might go forth and give witness to Corpus Christi in our lives.

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