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nity about it," explained Mike Cymbala, a member of GIA's editorial staff. "There was nothing for the black community before, and suddenly there there appears a book that incorporates many of their musical traditions. It's given a black identity to Catholic worship?"

Cymbala also noted that the company is selling far more single copies than is normal for a hymnal. "What we're finding is that many people are using it as a prayer book," he said. "They're buying it and taking it home?"

Dobson acknowledged that sales figures for the hymnal in the Rochester area are low at this time, but predicted that more parishes will begin to use *Lead Me, Guide Me* when they

become familiar with it. The Office of Black Ministries sponsored an introduction and dedication service December 19 at St. Bridget's Church as part of its effort to familiarize the diocese with the book. The office plans to conduct a workshop in the spring or early fall to explain the book so that parishes can see how it can be used.

"Many folks that are not black who've experienced black music have commented on the inspiration they've received (when they've heard it)," Dobson noted. "They've been uplifted, and it's been a real revelation to them to receive that feeling through Christian music?"

She also predicted that people will be pleasantly surprised when they first try black sacred music, but noted "they'll never know if they don't give it a try?"

Interfaith service planned to mark Dr. King's birthday

The Martin Luther King Greater Rochester Divinity School will sponsor an interfaith worship service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday, Jan. 18, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Highlights of the service include the main address by Dr. Robert Franklin, dean of Black Church Studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School; a procession of teen diplomats representing various religious and cultural traditions; gospel music performed by the Martin Luther King Greater Rochester Community Gospel Choir; and a live telecast of the first hour of worship by WXXI-TV.

This service is part of the national holiday

commemorating Dr. King's birth and life as a national hero. In Rochester, the day's events follow the theme, "Living the Dream: A Community Uniting Through Love."

Following a call to worship and invocation by Sister Barbara Moore of the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry, the procession of more than 100 teen diplomats will begin.

Tickets are required but there is no charge. Tickets are available through many Rochester-area churches and community centers, Colgate Rochester Divinity School and the Martin Luther King Commission Office, Administration Building 103, University of Rochester, or by calling the commission office at (716)275-7212.

Audience invited to join special Nunsense performance

The Downstairs Cabaret will present a special midnight performance of the hit revue *Nunsense* on Friday, Feb. 5. Borrowing from the popular cult film *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, the *Nunsense* company has invited that evening's audience to wear costumes, use props and actually participate in the performance.

Tickets for the performance are priced at \$17, but anyone wearing a nun's habit to the performance will receive a discount. Prop lists and scripts will also be made available for those interested in joining the cast for this unusual event. Call (716)262-2300 for information.

Prayer, relationship with God to be focus of Cenacle retreat

The Cenacle Center for Spiritual renewal will conduct a weekend retreat, entitled *Growing Closer to God in Prayer*, from 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29, through 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, at the Cenacle center, 693 East Ave., Rochester.

All are welcome to participate in the retreat, which costs \$60. Registration and information may be obtained by calling Rosemarie Schaeffer or Helen Patsynski at the Cenacle ministry office, (716)271-8755.

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