

## **SAID ED July 1, 2007**

On Saturday morning I joined Bishop Clark and the priests of the Diocese in the “laying on of hands” by which the Sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred upon candidates to the priesthood. It was such a joy to see so many of you there celebrating the ordination of our friend and co worker, Jeff Tunnicliff. Another man was also ordained a priest for the service of the Diocese of Rochester, Hoan Dihn spent his Pastoral year with St. Joseph’s Church community at the same time that Jeff was working among us. Both these men are fine candidates and are heartily and highly recommended for ordination by their respective communities.

We are blessed to have been part of Jeff’s formation for ministry process and we will continue to have a large stock in his ministry as he continues to grow as a priest. Jeff will be coming next week to celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at our regular 9:30am Sunday Mass. We will all have the opportunity to greet him personally in a reception in our Great Hall immediately following the Mass.

Jeff has been assigned by Bishop Clark to serve in Elmira, NY as Priest Intern at St. Mary’s Church. He’ll be working with one of our finest Pastors, Fr. Rick Farrell. Assignments during Priest Internship usually last three years. Jeff will have the opportunity to learn more about priestly ministry as he reflects with Fr. Rick during the time of his Internship. We wish Jeff all the best as a priestly servant of the Lord. As friends and fellow pilgrims on the journey, we can all attest to Jeff’s generous heart and zeal for the Gospel. Congratulations Jeff!

As you know, last weekend we bid a fond farewell to Fr. William as he prepared to take up his new assignment as the Pastor in Livingston County. We have been very blessed by his presence in our community. He has brought us a broader vision of church and ministry as he talked with such passion about the communities in Africa who sent him here to us. We will miss his spirited singing and wonderful stories of his mother, family and home. Do keep him and all us priests in your prayer.

As you may also have heard, Bishop Clark has assigned us another Parochial Vicar to serve in our community. Fr. Bob Beligotti will arrive at Assumption in late July when his present assignment comes to an end. I have worked with Fr. Bob many years ago when we were both stationed in Auburn. I think you will find Fr. Bob to be a warm and friendly person of deep faith. He has a twin brother (Richard) who is also a priest. Both of them reside in Irondequoit at St. Salome’s Church. Welcome to Fr. Bob and God speed to Fr. William and “Fr. Jeff”!

Have a great week!

