



Rev. Laroche

Father Laroche Will Undertake African Mission

HIGHGATE CENTER — The Rev. Mr. Dennis J. Laroche, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard R. Laroche, will be ordained to the missionary priesthood May 18 at the Maryknoll Seminary in Maryknoll, N.Y. He has been assigned to Maryknoll's missions in East Africa.

On the day of his ordination Father Laroche will join other Maryknollers undertaking their first overseas assignment in the order's 57th annual departure ceremony at the seminary.

The Rev. Dennis A. Dever of Boston, director of the Society of St. James the Apostle, diocesan priests serving in Latin America, will be the principal speaker. The Very Rev. Raymond A. Hill, superior general of Maryknoll, will present each missioner with a crucifix, symbolizing the mission vocation.

The candidate for ordination was born in East Highgate. He attended local school graduating from high school in 1963. Following three years of study for the Diocese of Burlington at St. John Vianney Seminary in Barre, he entered Maryknoll College in Glen Ellyn, Ill., receiving his B.A. degree in philosophy in 1968. Father Laroche is completing work for the degree of master of divinity at Maryknoll Seminary. He spent two years in Maryknoll's overseas training program in the Philippines, studying languages and performing assigned pastoral responsibilities. He has also worked among the Indians in Fort St. John, B.C.

Father Laroche's first Mass at home will be May 26 at 2 p.m. at Missisquoi Valley Union High School in Highgate Center. Concelebrants will be the Rev. Omer Dufault and the Rev. Francis Holland of Newman Center, University of Vermont, Burlington; the Rev. Stephen von Fauer of St. Anthony's Parish, Sheldon; the Rev. Leopold Bilodeau of St. Peter's parish, Vergennes, and the Rev. Gerald Bombardier of St. Monica's Barre.

Father Laroche has four brothers and three sisters. Grandparents are Mrs. Josephat Laroche and Mr. and Mrs. Herry Boulterice of St. Albans. His father is a school bus driver.

Following a brief vacation with his family, Father Laroche will leave for East Africa where he will join 166 other Maryknoll priests and brothers serving in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. They serve 30 parishes and churches and more than 400 mission stations.