

## TWO ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD



REV. PETER J. GILBERT



REV. R. MICHAEL CRONIN

Two area young men were ordained to the priesthood today in Rome, Italy. They are the Rev. R. Michael Cronin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Cronin, 22 Auburn Pl., Glens Falls, and the Rev. Peter J. Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gilbert of Chestertown.

Born in Glens Falls in 1940, Father Cronin is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, class of 1957. He entered Mater Christi Seminary in Albany, the minor seminary of the Diocese of Albany, in 1957. From 1959 to 1961 he attended St. Paul's Seminary at the University of Ottawa, Canada, where he received his B.A. in philosophy. Assigned to the North American College in Rome in 1961, he is now pursuing his theological studies under the Jesuit Fathers at the Gregorian University. Following the ordination, he will finish his studies and then return home in July.

Father Gilbert, who was born in London, England, entered the United States in 1954. He served with the U.S. Army in Japan from 1955 to 1957. He entered Mater Christi Seminary, Albany, in September 1958, then studied philosophy at St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, from 1959 to 1961. He entered North American College, Rome, in September 1961 for four years of theological studies.

Father Cronin's parents and sister are in Rome and attended the ordination which took place in St. Peter's Basilica, as were Father Gilbert's parents, his sister, Mrs. Mary Baker of Salt Lake City, Utah; his uncle, the Rev. Bruno Reynolds of Hereford, England, and the Rev. James W. Carroll, pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Chestertown. Father Gilbert also has

two brothers, Hugh Gilbert of Chestertown and Christopher Gilbert of 2 Feeder St., Hudson Falls.

The ordaining prelate will be Bishop Francis Reh of New York, rector of the North American College.

Father Cronin will celebrate his First Mass at the Church of San Onofrio, a Fifteenth Century shrine now maintained by the American Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. He will be assisted by the Rev. Matthew Clark of Waterford, who is doing graduate studies at the Gregorian University.