

Father Dietzel to Be Feted June 7

Rev. Edmund J. Dietzel, pastor of St. John Vianney parish, Orchard Park, will observe the 25th anniversary of his ordination on Sunday, June 7. He will be the celebrant of a solemn Mass at 9 a.m. in the church.

Father Dietzel will be honored that afternoon at a reception sponsored by the parish societies in the school hall. The reception, from 2 to 5 p.m. is open to the public.

He was ordained June 3, 1939, in St. Joseph's New Cathedral by Bishop Duffy. He studied at Our Lady of Angels Seminary at Niagara University.

His first assignment was as an assistant pastor at St. Rose of Lima Church. In 1941 he was transferred to St. Agnes parish and served there for over two years before entering the U.S. Army as a chaplain. He saw action in the Pacific area and was discharged with the rank of major after two and a half years of service.

Returning to Buffalo, Father Dietzel was appointed assistant pastor at St. Matthew's



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Church. He was transferred to Blessed Trinity and later to St. Nicholas. In 1951 he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Anthony's Church, Batavia. He served there for seven years before being named first pastor of St. John Vianney Church on June 7, 1958.