

Plans 50th Anniversary



RT. REV. RICHARD O'BRIEN →

BISHOP TO PRESIDE AT GOLDEN JUBILEE OF MSGR. O'BRIEN

His 50th anniversary as a priest will be marked Sunday by the Rt. Rev. Richard O'Brien, pastor of Annunciation Church, Lafayette Ave. and Grant St., with a solemn high mass in his parish church and a dinner in Hotel Lafayette.

The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, CSC, bishop of the Buffalo Diocese, will preside at the mass, which will be celebrated by Msgr. O'Brien at 10:30. Assisting will be the Rev. Walter M. Gonter, pastor St. Aloysius Church, Cheektowaga, as assistant priest; the Very Rev. James Embser, CSB, of Rochester, deacon, and the Rev. Edward J. Walker, assistant pastor of St. Mark's Church, subdeacon.

The dinner will be at 1 o'clock, with the Very Rev. Thomas Plassmann, OFM, president of St. Bonaventure College & Seminary, as the principal speaker.

Msgr. O'Brien, a native of Albion, has been pastor of Annunciation Church 18 years. Previously, he had been pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Wellsville, 28 years, and also had served at Blessed Sacrament Chapel, adjoining St. Joseph's Cathedral, on Delaware Ave., and at St. Columba's Church. After attending school in Albion, he prepared for the priesthood at Assumption Seminary, Windsor, Ont., where he was ordained in 1895 by Bishop Dennis O'Connor.