

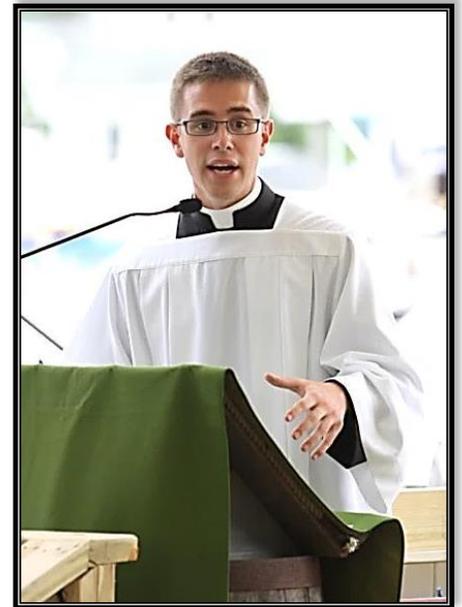


THE TIME IS NEAR FOR THIS SERVANT OF THE LORD

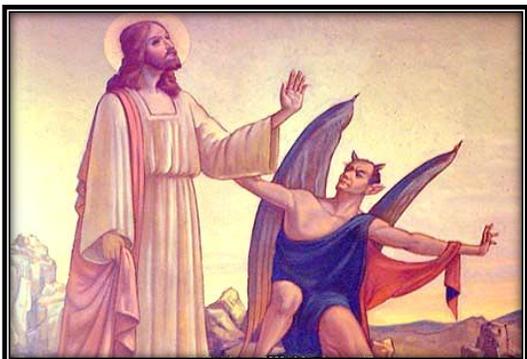
In less than three weeks, with the help of contributions to the *Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)* and many prayers, James Hansen/the Reverend Mr. James Hansen, is expected to be ordained a Priest by the Most Reverend William F. Murphy at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes in Rockville Centre. James you may recall, spent the summer of 2014 with us at Our Holy Redeemer, and put that summer – his last summer as a layman – at our service.



James, like all Seminarians on Summer-assignment, served in all the “usual” places Priests-in-training would expect to serve: the sanctuary of the church during Mass, the classrooms of the School-building during Vacation Bible School (VBS) (please register your child for VBS 2015 today by calling (516) 546-1057), the bedside of the sick in the hospital and the nursing home (if you have a request for prayers, please call (516) 378-0665), and at the doors of our parish-buildings, securing them after a long day of activity (if you are a Veteran, retired Firefighter or Police Officer, please contact Father Arcoleo)! He also served in some “not-so-usual” places where a Priest-in-training wouldn’t expect to serve: at a dock preparing for Mass on the Waterfront, on a street standing guard over drying cement, and in a bell tower chasing pigeons (or being chased by them).



Just as his days of service as a layman came to an end, so too are his days of service as a transitional Deacon coming to an end; and on 20 June 2015 the Reverend Mr. James Hansen will become (God-willing) the Reverend James Hansen. While I’m sure that he can almost smell the Sacred Chrism with which Bishop Murphy will anoint his hands at Ordination, he must stay sober and alert because Satan, the one who



approached Jesus at the end of *His* “formation” in the desert, is waiting for James at the end of *his* formation in the Seminary! Please continue to support him with your participation in the *Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)* – which has helped finance his formation in the Seminary – and with your prayers – which have helped him remain faithful to that formation that is preparing him to put his life at our service; not just for a summer as a Seminarian, but as “a Priest forever, according to the Order of Melchizedek!”