

A MESSAGE FROM FR. DIPERRI

FR. DERMOT ROACHE, SMA FATHER NEWLY ASSIGNED TO OUR LADY'S PARISH

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has appointed Fr. Dermot Roache to reside and minister at Our Lady's Parish, for approximately one year, beginning sometime in August. Fr. Roache is a member of the Society of African Missions/SMA Fathers, and was ordained a priest in 2007. A native of Brooklyn, New York, he served the Society for eight years in the African countries of Kenya and South Africa both during his religious formation, and as a priest.

Fr. Roache most recently served as pastor at Christ the King Parish in Jersey City, New Jersey, during a time of transition, as the SMA Fathers returned the parish to the staffing of priests from the Archdiocese of Newark. Fr. Roache, also served six years at the SMA Fathers' Development House in Dedham where he served giving retreats and spiritual conferences on a variety of themes throughout the country. His work focused particularly on the Divine Mercy of Christ, and he also did significant work fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. At his assignment in Dedham, he also served in development and fundraising for the SMA Fathers.

Fr. Roache asked Cardinal Sean O'Malley to be stationed to a parish in the Archdiocese of Boston where he could explore parish priestly ministry in this archdiocese. It is an honor and privilege to have Fr. Roache join us in ministry at Our Lady's Parish. During this one-year assignment, he will also resume monthly weekend ministry to the Kenyan Catholics that worship at Sacred Heart Church in Quincy. It is a continued blessing that Father Hawker, visiting Senior Priest, who resides in Quincy, will continue to assist the people of Our Lady's Parish, in a variety of ways, and in ministries he finds possible to serve. May God continue to bless Fr. Roache as he resides and ministers at Our Lady's Parish, and in his other diocesan assignments throughout this exploratory year of Boston parish ministry.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. DiPerri