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'Kapo' ordained church patriarch

Well known Revivalist, Artist and Sculptor, Bishop Mallica Reynolds (Kapo) was on Sunday ordained to the office of patriarch in a ceremony in a ceremony at his church - the St. Michaels Revival Tabernacle, Ghandi Road. The ceremony served a dual purpose - the ordination and the dedication of the new church.

Also ordained and received into the body were mothers, ministers, deacons, leadresses and evangelists. Bishop Reynolds' new post makes him head of the Apostolic Faith both nationally and internationally. He will still be a preacher but now will take on the added duties of instructor. The office of Patriarch is bestowed according to length of service in the church. Bishop Reynolds has been preaching for some 54 years.

Officiating at the ceremony

was Bishop E. Forde of the Putnam, Brooklyn headquarters of the church in New York. Speaking to some 9 women who were ordained as mothers and leadresses, Bishop Forde, quoting from the Bible stressed the importance of women in the church. Contrary, to other beliefs, that women should be quiet in the church, he said that this was not so and used scriptures to confirm his statement.

Over 300 persons gathered in the small church to witness the ordination of Bishop Patriarch Reynolds. In a moving ceremony, Bishop Forde issued to the new Patriarch the license and certificate of Patriarch and Incorporation of the church into the headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. Bishop Forde charged him to perform all the duties of the church according to the word of God and

also to continue his duties as overseer of all the churches in the island under the same diocese.

"By the authority of Mt. Sinai Apostolic Church of God incorporated of Brooklyn, New York", Bishop Forde said, "I have great pleasure in handing you this licence and certificate so that you will be able to perform all the duties to which the certificate relates".

Miss Olive Lewin, leader of the Jamaica Folk Singers accompanied by other members of the group performed after the ceremony.

Special guests were: Bishop Lurlene Johnson, visiting from New York, Bishop Muriel Dawkins, Revs. A Grant, Castel Bryan, R. Byfield and David Thomas.