

Priestly Milestones

Reverend Roman J. Schaefer



will observe his 65th anniversary to the priesthood this month.

Father was ordained for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, on June 6, 1942, at the St. Paul Cathedral in St. Paul, MN by Archbishop John Gregory Murray. Following ordination he served at St. Agnes, St. Paul; St. Aloysius, St. Paul; St. Aloysius, Olivia; and in the United States Air Force.

On November 18, 1957, he entered the Diocese of New Ulm. From 1959-1962, he

served in Mildenhall Air Force Base in England. His ministry included Dover Air Force Base, DE; Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, KS, at the Texas Air Training Command; Anderson Air Force Base in Guam; and Vandenberg Air Force Missile Base near Santa Barbara, CA. Father served through World War II, The Korean War, and the Vietnam War retiring with the rank of Chaplain Colonel USAF. He then served as pastor at St. Andrew, Fairfax, MN. Following retirement in 1981, he served in the Archdiocese of Miami and is currently a resident at Catherine Kasper Life Center in Donaldson, IN.

Reverend Dennis E. Becker



observed his 45th anniversary to the priesthood in February.

Father was ordained February 24, 1962, at the Church of Holy Redeemer, Marshall, MN, by Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler.

He has served the parishes of Holy Rosary, North Mankato;

St. James, Nassau; Holy Trinity, Winsted; St. Mary, Cottonwood; St. Isidore, Clarkfield; St. Bridget, DeGraff; St. Francis, Benson; Visitation, Danvers; St. Anastasia, Hutchinson, St. Patrick, Kandiyohi; and St. Thomas More, Lake Lillian.

Fr. Becker retired on July 1, 2000. He resides in Garfield, MN.

Reverend James W. Devorak



will observe his 35th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood in August.

Father was ordained August 27, 1972, at the Church of St. Michael in Madison, MN, by Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler.

He currently serves as pastor of St. Joseph in Montevideo and St. Andrew in Granite Falls and sacramental minister at St. Clara, Clara City.

During his ministry he has served the parishes of: Holy Redeemer, Marshall; Holy Rosary, North Mankato; St. Mary, Willmar; Holy Rosary, Graceville; St. Barnabas, Barry; St. George, Glencoe; St. Andrew, Fairfax; St. Dionysius, Tyler; St. Genevieve, Lake Benton; St. Pius X, Glencoe; St. Anastasia, Hutchinson; and St. Boniface, Stewart.

Fr. Devorak has also served as chaplain for Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter as well as chaplain to the Hutchinson Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

Rev. Richard C. Gross



observed his 45th anniversary to the priesthood this past February. Father was ordained at the Church of St.

Anthony in Watkins by Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler on February 22, 1962.

He served the parishes of: St. James, Nassau; St. Mary, New Ulm; Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Taunton; Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm with teaching duties at Cathedral High School; St. Joseph, Rosen; St. James, Nassau; St. Anastasia, Hutchinson; St. Boniface, Stewart; and St. Anthony, Watkins.

Father retired from active ministry on June 20, 2001. Following retirement he assisted in the Diocese of Fairbanks and the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska. He currently resides in Watkins, MN.

Rev. John H. Brunner



observed his 45th anniversary to the priesthood in February. He was ordained on February 18, 1962 at the Cathedral of

the Holy Trinity in New Ulm by Bishop Alphonse J. Schladweiler.

Fr. Brunner currently serves as pastor at St. Anthony, Watkins. During his ministry he has also served: Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, New Ulm; Chaplain at Loretto Hospital, New Ulm; Holy Trinity, Winsted; St. John the Baptist, Searles; St. Anastasia, Hutchinson; St. Boniface, Stewart; St. Andrew, Fairfax, Sacred Heart, Franklin; and St. Willibrord, Gibbon. He also served as principal at St. Mary School, Bird Island, and superintendent of Holy Trinity Schools, Winsted, and also superintendent of New Ulm Area Catholic Schools. He also served as chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital and Home in Winsted.

Fr. Brunner received the 2007 Distinguished Service Award for his dedication and vision for Catholic schools.