

Eight Dominicans Celebrate Ordination Anniversaries

Eight members of the PC Dominican community recently celebrated anniversaries of their ordinations at a special community Mass held on May 17, 1989 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Priory on the PC campus. The concelebrated Mass was led by the Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau, bishop of Providence.

Rev. John Gerald McGreevy, O.P., vice president for institutional relations at the college, celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Ordained on April 18, 1964 in Dubuque, Iowa, Father McGreevy was assigned to Providence College in 1980 as assistant to the president and special lecturer in education. In 1981, he was named vice president for student services and special lecturer in education, serving until 1988. Father McGreevy was named vice president for institutional relations in July of 1988 and continues as a special lecturer in education.

Rev. James Michael Murphy, O.P., '42, who celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination, is associate dean of the college's School of Continuing Education and director of the SCE's Summer School.

Ordained June 9, 1949 in Washington, DC, Father Murphy was assigned to Providence College in 1957 as professor in theology and chairman of the sociology department. The dean of men from 1958 to 1964, Father Murphy was named vice president for student relations in 1967 and prior of the Dominican community in 1968, serving until 1974. In 1975, he was named to his current positions.

Rev. Terence O'Shaughnessy, O.P. '44, PC's executive vice president from July of 1985 to December of 1988, celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on June 9, 1949 in Washington, DC.

In addition to a teaching assignment at Providence College in 1967, Father O'Shaughnessy has served in a number of capacities, administrative and pastoral throughout the world.

Rev. W. Urban Voll, O.P. '44 celebrated his fortieth anniversary, having been ordained on June 9, 1949 at St. Dominic's Church in Washington, DC. In addition to instructing special moral theology from 1950-52, Fr. Voll, after



The anniversarians are, from l-r: Rev. Terence O'Shaughnessy, O.P., 40 years; Rev. James Michael Murphy, O.P., 40 years; Rev. John Dominic Skalko, O.P., 50 years; Rev. James Richard McAvey, 50 years; Rev. John Gerald McGreevy, 25 years; Rev. Edward Paul Doyle, 50 years; Rev. W. Urban Voll, O.P., 40 years; and Rev. Francis Dominic Nealy, O.P., 50 years.

serving in other assignments, returned to the college in September of '84 as a professor of religious studies, his current position. Father Voll was a member of the Providence College Corporation from 1972 to 1988.

Rev. Edward Paul Doyle, O.P. '34, who was ordained to the priesthood on May 17, 1939 at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. He was assigned to Providence College from 1941 to 1954 as an associate professor of theology, temporarily leaving that post from 1943 to 1946 to serve as Army chaplain with the rank of major in the 104th Infantry Division, which assisted in the liberation of Nordhausen, a sub-concentration camp of Buchenwald, Germany. After teaching at other institutions and doing research, Fr. Doyle returned to PC in 1987.

Now retired, Father Doyle regularly visits the residents of several area nursing homes and celebrates Mass for the elderly.

Rev. James Richard McAvey, O.P. '34, who celebrated his fiftieth anniversary, was assigned to PC in 1956 as an instructor in philosophy. He retired from teaching in 1985 as a professor emeritus. Ordained to the priesthood on May 17, 1939 at St. Joseph's Church in

Somerset, Ohio, he celebrated his fiftieth anniversary. Father McAvey remains active in pastoral work.

Rev. Francis Dominic Nealy, O.P. was ordained at St. Joseph Priory in Somerset, Ohio, on May 17, 1939. Father Nealy, who was a member of PC's Department of English from 1946-47, and rector of Aquinas Hall, was assigned to PC permanently in 1966 as a member of the Department of Education. Currently an associate professor of education, Father Nealy is a retired colonel with the U.S. Army Reserve. He also served for 15 years as chaplain of the Providence Fire Department.

Rev. John Dominic Skalko, O.P. '34 celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, which took place on May 17, 1939 at St. Joseph's Priory in Somerset, Ohio.

The first graduate of St. Raphael's Academy in Pawtucket to enter the priesthood, Father Skalko was assigned to Providence College in 1953 as an instructor in Latin and communications for business and education majors, teaching until 1967. He later served as a communications consultant for area business firms. Still active in weekend parish assignments, Father Skalko also offers retreats for religious and lay conferences.