



Father Kelly in foreground with plaque presented to him at special ceremony in his honor. From left are Father Foster Rogers, Assumption associate pastor, Sister Alma, Sister Felicitas, Sister Dorothy, teacher representative Mrs. Clement Stoltz, who presented the plaque, and Father Joseph Beatini, Assumption pastor.

### School Named for Father Kelly

Sept. 14 marked the 45th anniversary of Father Leonard Kelly's ordination to the priesthood. It also was a big day in Fairport and, naturally, the two events were not coincidental.

On that day, in a ceremony arranged as a surprise to Father Kelly, the widely-known School of Religion at Assumption parish

was renamed the Father Kelly School of Religion. The school was founded by Father Kelly.

A huge turnout attended, including priests, nuns, parishioners and many of the teachers from the original teaching staff at the school.

Father Joseph Beatini, who

succeeded Father Kelly as Assumption pastor, praised the honored priest's many accomplishments.

The event was planned by a committee of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Stoltz, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Buttarassi, and Mrs. Domenic Sherony.

## Dominicans OK Post For Brother Robinson

By JOHN DASH

Brother Jerome Robinson, the new administrator for Black Catholic Ministries, who will arrive in the diocese Jan. 15 as a Dominican priest, spoke with the

Courier-Journal last week from Dubuque, Iowa, a few hours after his order had granted permission for him to assume the new post.

He's impressed that Rochester,

unlike other dioceses that have become discouraged over serving the black community, is still hopeful — still creating new options in Black Ministries.

He also noted that Rochester "seems atypical" from other Eastern cities in the friendliness it offers strangers. He said that his communications with both Bishop Joseph L. Hogan and the search committee for his office "made me feel welcome."

The soft-spoken seminarian, who will be ordained a priest Nov. 1 by his friend Bishop Joseph Howse, one of the three black bishops in the country, was one of more than 20 candidates considered for the post from throughout the nation.

At 28, Brother Robinson is the youngest of four children and is a twin. His mother, Mary Robinson, resides in Chicago.

In Rochester, he will be expected to formulate a ministry program for black Catholics and to interface with diocesan departments.

On the latter, he says that he considers it a compliment that he has been charged with gathering and giving input from and into the various diocesan consultative bodies.

He anticipates settling in for his first two weeks here, then investigating the problems and resources of the diocese until June, when he hopes to make his first concrete proposals to the diocese.

He also hopes to live in a "neutral setting," "without strings" so he can have free access to diocesan procedures and feelings.

Brother Robinson's contract with the diocese will run two years. At the end of that time he will encourage a re-evaluation of his work, and should his superiors give permission, and should both the diocese and he feel he is suited to the work, he will again contract for the post.



Sister Wanda Hess, left, and Sister Jody Kearney.

## Two Profess First Vows To Mercy Congregation

Sister Wanda Hess and Sister Jody Kearney made their first profession of vows in the Sisters of Mercy on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The profession rite took place during an evening Eucharistic liturgy in the chapel at the Mercy Motherhouse on Blossom Road. Concelebrants, Fathers Terence Fleming, William Trott and Robert Kennedy, officiated at the commitment. Sister Judith Heberle, superior general, was the homilist.

Both Sisters have just completed a year as canonical novices. First vows indicate a temporary commitment.

Sister Wanda is the daughter of Mrs. Irene Hess, 111 Delray Rd., Rochester. She received her M.A. in speech pathology from the University of Kansas in 1974 and will complete work this fall on an M.A. in audiology, also from the University of Kansas. She lives at Notre Dame Convent, Elmira.

Sister Jody is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kearney, 26 Highledge Dr., Penfield. A graduate of the State University College at Geneseo with a B.S. in Education, she is a kindergarten teacher at St. Louis School, Pittsford. As a postulant two years ago, she taught the second grade at St. Thomas the Apostle School. After graduating from Mercy High School in 1968, she spent a year as a lay catechist in Trinidad, West Indies. She lives in McAuley House at the Motherhouse.

### Liturgy Series Set in Auburn

Auburn — The first in three lectures on the new liturgy by Father Albert Shamon will be held Sunday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Alphonsus parish hall.

Other lecture dates are Oct. 19 and Nov. 16. The public is invited.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. George Knuth of 1215 Norton St. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 14 at the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Andrew's Church and at a reception given by their children at Barry's Party House.

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