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**WESTERN N.Y. PARISH PRIEST CELEBRATES 50 YEARS
AS A FRANCISCAN FRIAR**

ALLEGANY, N.Y. – July 12, 2010 -- The Rev. Richard Husted, OFM, pastor of St. Bonaventure Church here, is marking 50 years as a member of the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans. He is affiliated with Holy Name Province, headquartered in New York City, which on June 24 celebrated a Jubilee Mass to honor 10 friars who marked 50 years as Franciscans and five who marked 25 years.

Since first professing a religious life as a Franciscan friar in 1960, Husted has been a teacher, retreat director, pastor, campus minister, and head of a community of young adults. His ministry has also included counseling and spiritual advising of high school students.

Husted, who was ordained in 1966, will be recognized by the St. Bonaventure Parish, where he has served since 2002, with a prayer service on July 27. Previously, he was pastor of St. Joseph Parish in East Rutherford, N.J.

He began his ministry in volunteer services at St. Elizabeth Mental Hospital in Washington, D.C., from 1964 to 1966, and worked on the staff of St. Anthony Shrine in Boston in 1966. A year later, he was assigned to Archbishop Walsh High School in Olean, N.Y., as chairman of the religion department. Later, he was program director at Christ House, a retreat center in Lafayette, N.J., directed Berakah, a community of single young adults in Rochelle Park, N.J., and served as campus minister at Felician College in Lodi, N.J., and assistant pastor at Guardian Angel Parish in Allendale, N.J.

The Caldwell, N.J., native earned a bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, and a bachelor of sacred theology from The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He studied theology at St. Francis College in Rye Beach, N.H., and at the Province's Holy Name College in Washington, D.C.

Husted worked on the province's Refounding and Ministerial directorates. He also founded a troupe of Christian players called the Heralds of the World, which proclaimed the Gospel through music and drama.

About Holy Name Province

Holy Name Province is one of seven provinces in the United States that belong to the Order of Friars Minor. Holy Name is the largest U.S. province, with ministries in 12 states along the East Coast. Its more than 350 Catholic priests and brothers serve in colleges, parishes, urban ministry centers and a wide variety of social ministries, as well as in overseas missions.

The Order, founded in 1209 by St. Francis of Assisi, commemorated its 800th anniversary last year. Today, St. Francis, whose feast day is Oct. 4, remains one of the most widely-known saints, revered for his affection for nature and care for creation.

Information about Holy Name Province can be found on www.hnp.org

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