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**TWO HOLY NAME PROVINCE FRANCISCANS TO BE ORDAINED  
PRIESTS IN NYC ON MAY 22**

NEW YORK – May 20, 2010 – Two Franciscan friars of Holy Name Province, an East Coast-based community of the Order of Friars Minor, will be ordained priests May 22 at an 11 a.m. Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church here.

Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., will celebrate the Rite of Presbyteral Ordination of Lawrence Anderson, OFM, and David Phan, OFM.

Anderson, 45, a Franciscan brother serving at St. Mary Church in Pompton Lakes, N.J., grew up in Upstate New York. A second-career priest, the Geneva, N.Y., native served as a high school campus minister at Aquinas Institute in Rochester, N.Y., and a youth minister for an upstate New York diocese. He earned a master's degree in social work from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y. He holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Wadhams Hall Seminary and College in Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Phan, 41, also a brother, has been living at the province's Holy Name College, a community of friars in Silver Spring, Md., while studying at Washington Theological Union in Washington, D.C. He earned a master of divinity degree from WTU earlier this month and in 2005 obtained an undergraduate degree at Catholic University of America. The Vietnamese native immigrated to the United States when he was 15. He has ministered in many roles in the last few years, including hospital chaplaincy, prison and parish ministry, and serving the poor.

For their first assignments as priests, Anderson will stay in Pompton Lakes and Phan will serve at St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Long Beach Island, N.J., where he interned in 2006.

The ordination Mass takes place at the province's flagship church, St. Francis of Assisi at 135 W. 31<sup>st</sup> St., where Holy Name Province traditionally holds its ordinations.

### **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 800<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hnp.org)

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