

BIOB SULLIVANS 1984

Sullivans: 25 Years

A concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving on May 23, 1984, commemorated Rev. Eugene Sullivan's 25 years in the priesthood. Three bishops and 35 Wyoming priests participated. A reception was held at the OLS Parish Center.

Gerald and Eugene Sullivan, identical twins, were ordained May 23, 1959. Father Gerald celebrated his 25 years in the priesthood in Kemmerer May 22. He, too, served OLS in 1974.

The seventh and eighth of nine children of Jack and Margaret Shea Sullivan, the brothers attended St. Anthony's School in Casper and graduated from Natrona County High School.

Father Gerald recalls their decision to attend St. Thomas Seminary College. "We worked in the Midwest oil fields the summer we graduated from high school. One day Msgr. O'Reilly called us in to meet Bishop Newell. Msgr. O'Reilly said we were thinking about being priests, which we had never told him before."

On January 7, 1986, Father Eugene was transferred to Green River. During Father Sullivan's tenure, many new programs were instituted, including the semi-annual rosary marches and the first of several "Super Sunday" liturgies.