Missionary To Celebrate Silver Jubilee

SAN FERNANDO — Father Joseph L. Murphy, O.M.I., will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination here Monday, May 29, at Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Ferdinand's Church.

A 16-year veteran of the Oblate mission band on the West Coast, Fr. Murphy was ordained June 9, 1936, at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

The 52-year-old priest, born in Pawtucket, R.I., attended Providence College before entering the Oblate Novitiate in Massachusetts.

His theology studies were completed at the Oblate College, Catholic University of America, Washington.

Fr. Murphy was formerly on the faculty of Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Tex., and assistant pastor of St. Louis Cathedral, New Orleans.

He has been stationed at the Oblate Mission House here for the past 15 years, preaching parish missions in all parts of the West Coast.