

# Six Men to be Ordained Deacons

In ceremonies Sunday, Sept. 28, six men will be ordained permanent deacons by Archbishop Daniel E. Sheehan. The ordination ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. in St. Cecilia's Cathedral and will bring to 28 the number of ordained permanent deacons serving in the archdiocese.

The ordinands:

**ROBERT D. BAKER**, a member of St. Margaret Mary's Parish, Omaha.

A native of Omaha, he attended Benson and Tech High Schools. Following high school, Mr. Baker served 4½ years in the U.S. Navy. He is married and has six children and two grand children. He is the owner of Baker's Janitorial Service.

**STEPHEN B. COSTELLO**, a member of St. Therese Parish, Omaha.

Married and the father of five children, Costello also has 24 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. A mechanic, he operated his own auto repair service until his retirement in 1970.

A native of Wood River, Neb., Mr. Costello attended schools in Wood River, Grand Island and Tech High in Omaha. He is active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Knights of Columbus (Council 652) and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

**JAMES A. GROSS** of St. Mary's Parish in Bellevue.

He is married and has four children. Mr. Gross attended the University of



From left: Stephen Costello, Robert Baker, Joseph Waite and Manuel Solis.

California and the University of Maryland. Presently he is self-employed as an Omaha World-Herald distributor.

**THOMAS A. PURNELL**, also a member of St. Therese Parish.

He is married and has 12 children.

Born in the East Omaha parish, Mr. Purnell attended St. Therese Grade School, Noly Name High School and Creighton University.

He is presently employed as a meat grader by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**MANUEL JOSEPH SOLIS** of St. Therese Parish.

A native of St. Paul, Minn., where he attended elementary and high school, Mr. Solis is married, a member of the Air Force Reserve and is employed by Allied Van Lines.

He's also active in the Knights of Columbus (Council 652) and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

**JOSEPH D. WAITE** is a member of



From left: Thomas Purnell, James Gross.

St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Omaha.

He is married and is currently employed in the building maintenance department of the Union Pacific Railroad. A native of Grand Island, he graduated from the former St. Mary's High School in that city.

Active in St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Mr. Waite is a member of the parish council and the parish liturgy committee.