



**Flavin**

# Monk To Be Deacon

**MORRIS TWP. —**  
Brother Malachy Flavin, O.S.B., chairman of the history department

at the Delbarton School, will be ordained today in St. Mary's Abbey church as a permanent deacon by Bishop Frank Rodimer of the Paterson Diocese in what is termed an unusual event.

Only once or twice before has a religious person in a monastic community — like Flavin, a Benedictine monk of St. Mary's Abbey — been so ordained. Usually, it's lay people who become deacons.

As a deacon, he now also will be able to preach, baptize and perform marriages.

There are 75 monks associated with St. Mary's Abbey and 59 live here. Some 35 of them are on the faculty of Delbarton School.

Flavin came here in 1974 after completing his undergraduate study at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H. He continued his theological studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Mahwah.

Since 1975, Flavin has taught ancient history, becoming department chairman in September 1980.

In addition to his responsibilities as sacristan of the Abbey church, he has been active in campus ministry retreats and the encounters programs in the diocese.