



AMPLE REWARD—Five young parishioners of St. Monica's Church convey their feelings to the Rev. John J. Donnelly, pastor, at his Golden Jubilee dinner Sunday in the church hall. From left, they are Nancy Golda, 8, Lawrence Kipler, 11, Paul Kurowski, 12, Mary Brzezniak, 12, and Mike Golda, 6.

Father Donnelly Is Honored At Golden Jubilee Dinner

"I just try to do the best I can."

Thus the Rev. John J. Donnelly, pastor of St. Monica's Church, 206 Orlando St., summed up his 50 years as a Catholic priest at a dinner in his honor Sunday at the church hall.

About 150 parishioners, priests and sisters gathered to celebrate Father Donnelly's golden jubilee. He was presented with a purse by St. Monica's two trustees, John P. Quinn and John Kisicki.

Prior to the dinner, Father Donnelly celebrated a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving. Bishop James A. McNulty of the Diocese of Buffalo presided.

The Rev. James T. McCarthy, pastor of Holy Name of Mary Church, Ellicottville, preached the homily.

Born in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1889, Father Donnelly was ordained Dec. 21, 1918, in Erie Pa.

After 25 years in South Dakota, he entered the Buffalo Diocese in 1943, serving as an assistant pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Blasdell; SS Peter & Paul Church, Hamburg, and St. Joseph's Church, Batavia, and as chaplain of Veterans Hospital, Batavia.

He was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Little Valley, in 1959, and became pastor of St. Monica's in 1965.