

CROATIAN CUSTOM TO BE REVIVED FOR PRIEST'S 1ST MASS

A centuries-old Croatian Old World custom will be revived Sunday in the Riverside area when clergy, laity, friends and neighbors escort a newly-ordained priest to the parish church for his first Solemn Mass.

The Rev. Stephen J. Ladika, who will be ordained to the Catholic priesthood tomorrow in St. Joseph's Cathedral, will offer the Mass at noon Sunday in All Saints Church. He will be the first priest ordained who was born and baptized in All Saints Parish and attended its parochial school.

Wearing white priestly vestments, Father Ladika will receive the blessing of his mother, Mrs. Helen Ladika, as the procession leaves their home at 80 Condon Ave. for the church. Participating in the two-block-long procession will be officers of the Mass, Boy Scouts, girls from the parish First Holy Communion class, members of the Ladies Auxiliary and other parish organizations.

The Rev. Nicholas J. Sojat and the Rev. Joseph J. Skupien, assistant pastors at All Saints, arranged the event.