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ALUMNUS COMES HOME — The Rev. Severin Brady, OFM, left, returns to his home parish as pastor of St. Bonaventure's R.C. Church, where as a boy he attended the parish grammar and high schools and was ordained into the priesthood. Fr. Severin was installed at services Saturday by Msgr. Joseph Gallo, right, vicar of Paterson Diocese, who represented Bishop Lawrence B. Casey.

Father Brady Named Pastor

PATERSON — A boy of the parish who attended St. Bonaventure's grammar and high schools and worshipped in that church returned "home" Saturday to be installed as pastor.

The Rev. Severin Brady, OFM, had served as an assistant in the parish for the last two years, and now has assumed full pastoral leadership.

The 36-year-old prelate was installed at a concelebrated

Mass, by the Rev. Msgr. Joseph Gallo, vicar of the Diocese of Paterson, representing Bishop Lawrence B. Casey and the Rev. Charles Finnegan, OFM, minister provincial of Holy Name Province.

Assisting also in concelebration of the Mass were the Revs. Henry Madden and James Schwantner, OFM, associates.

In his homily following the installation ceremonies, Father Severin said his priorities as pastor will include: "A good Eucharistic celebration every Sunday" and meeting people in the parish.

The son of the late John F. and Anna Brady, Father Severin was ordained in 1966 at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington D.C. He celebrated his first Mass at St. Bonaventure's Church on Mar. 13 of that year and returned to Washington to complete his theological studies. For the last two years he has served as an assistant at St. Bonaventure's Church. He has a brother, James, of Oak Ridge, who attended Saturday's installation ceremonies.

St. Bonaventure's parish was established in February 1877, and plans presently are under way for a centennial celebration.