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**MANHATTAN FRANCISCAN PRIEST WITH HOLY NAME PROVINCE  
MARKS 50 YEARS AS A FRIAR**

NEW YORK — June 21, 2010 — The Rev. Anthony Carrozzo, OFM, of St. Francis of Assisi Church in midtown Manhattan, is this month marking 50 years as a member of the Order of Friars Minor, more commonly known as the Franciscans. He is affiliated with Holy Name Province, headquartered in New York City.

The Winsted, Conn., native is the former provincial minister of Holy Name, a title he held from 1987 to 1996. Today, he is spiritual director at the Center for Franciscan Spirituality and Spiritual Direction at the West 31<sup>st</sup> Street church in Manhattan. Prior to this, he was spiritual director at the former St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan.

Over the years, Carrozzo's ministry has been in spiritual direction, preaching and teaching. He was the province's first formation director, charged with overseeing the education and preparation of new friars. He also has served as provincial councilor and provincial director of ongoing formation, and directed the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University, the popular Franciscan college in Allegany, N.Y. His first ministry, in 1966, was as chaplain of St. Clare's Hospital in New York City.

Carrozzo, 72, is a graduate of SBU, The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and the University of San Francisco. He received a doctor of ministry degree from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, Calif. Carrozzo will be honored with 14 other Franciscans at a special Mass on June 24 at the Midtown Manhattan church.

**About Holy Name Province**

Holy Name Province is one of seven provinces in the United States that belong to the Order of Friars Minor. Holy Name is the largest U.S. province, with ministries in 12 states along the East Coast. Its more than 350 Catholic priests and brothers serve in colleges, parishes, urban ministry centers and a wide variety of social ministries, as well as in overseas missions.

The Order, founded in 1209 by St. Francis of Assisi, commemorated its 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Today, St. Francis, whose feast day is Oct. 4, remains one of the most widely-known saints, revered for his affection for nature and care for creation.

Information about Holy Name Province can be found on [www.hnp.org](http://www.hnp.org)

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