

## St. Thomas Grads

# Services to Ordain 2 New Priests At S.L. Cathedral

The Most Rev. Joseph L. Federal, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City, will ordain two recent graduates of St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, to the priesthood Saturday in rites at the Cathedral of the Madeleine.

The service begins at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by a reception in the Social Hall of the Cathedral.

The Rev. Paul R. Franco is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Franco, Dragerton, and the first person to enter the priesthood from Good Shepherd Parish in Dragerton.

"I entered the priesthood because I saw a need for vocations and I felt I had a calling," he said.

### Major Challenge

"My major challenge will be making the Kingdom of God a realization," he said.

Rev. Mr. Franco feels the authority controversy is the greatest challenge facing the church today.

"Most of the minor issues of controversy facing the church focus on one basic point: who has power and how should it be exercised," he said.

"I favor extensive involvement of the laity in a parish because I feel they also have a share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. They should have some voice in parish regulations, participate in the liturgy and be involved in parish government, finances, social functions and so forth," he said.

The Rev. Gerald P. Lynch is the son of Mrs. Jeanne A. Lynch and the late Robert J. Lynch, 716 E. 17th South.



Rev. Mr. Franco      Rev. Mr. Lynch

"There are four main reasons why I entered the priesthood," he said. "Everyone searches for happiness and meaning in life; this is where I find it.

"I believe this is the way of life God has called me to and I think it is the way I can best serve God and man," he said. "I also feel I have something to offer personally to this way of life."

The general field of educating the laity, especially adults, is anticipated as the greatest challenge to his ministry by the Rev. Mr. Lynch.

"There are so many deep traditions in the church that appear to have been dropped altogether in recent years," he said. "Actually, they haven't been dropped, they have been transformed and 20 years from now the transformed will be deep in our tradition.

### Important Office

"The office of education in our diocese is an extremely important office, serving children, youth and adults," he said. "I hope to work through their structure to meet some of the demands of this problem."

A basic misunderstanding of what is going on in various fields of theology, scripture and so forth is creating a major challenge for the church as a whole today, he said.

"This is especially true of Vatican II and the actions taken there in the areas of scriptural studies and research which affect not only the doctrine of the church but also the general approach to preaching and to life," he said. "However, I don't see this as bad but as a basically healthy sign of a living church."