

Youth worker to mark 10th year as priest

The Rev. Arthur E. Kelly, founder-director of the St. Nicholas Youth Organization, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood in the Missionary Society of the Divine Word with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11 a.m. in St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church, 2167 Avondale Place.

Father Kelly also

founded the Order of St. Nicholas, which has more than 150 members as a support group for his programs of youth development, activities and services. More than 500 young persons are involved in the St. Nicholas Youth Organization, formerly the Rita Teen Age Club.

Father Kelly worked in

Assumption parish at Washington, D.C., and the Visitation Parish at Chicago, before coming here in 1973 as associate pastor of St. Rita Catholic Church. He has been in fulltime ministry with inner city youth since 1976 and is responsible for renovation of an old school as a youth center at 1644 Roosevelt Avenue.