



**Fr. Kenneth Sommer** is celebrating 50 years of priesthood. He was born and raised in Dayton. Fr. Ken professed first vows in 1947 at Beacon, N.Y. and perpetual vows in 1952 in Dayton. He was ordained 1959 in Fribourg, Switzerland. Fr. Ken received a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Dayton. Fr. Ken began his teaching career at Chaminade-Latin High School in Dayton, where he taught religion from 1950 to 1956. He went on to teach and serve in pastoral ministry at Mount St. John in Dayton, North Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, and St. Joseph High School in Cleveland. In addition to religion, his primary teaching fields included Latin, French and English. From 1972 to 1976, Fr. Ken served in campus ministry at Cleveland State University, and from 1976 to 1979, he served in campus ministry at the University of Dayton. After a sabbatical and renewal program, he went on to serve in pastoral work in Cincinnati and in charismatic ministry for the former Province of Cincinnati. He currently resides at the Washington Street community in Dayton.