

## **FR. CAMURATI'S CORNER**

**Feast of Corpus Christi - June 19, 2022**

He probably would prefer I not write about it, but it's my job as a Dominican to pester my brothers.

As you likely know, Fr. Greg celebrated 65 years as a priest last week. He didn't want much of a to-do, but is always happy to contribute to parish life as best he can.

65th anniversaries don't come up often, especially for priests, and so this is quite a milestone. Let's take stock of what's changed in the course of Fr. Greg's ministry since 1957.

- We went from 48 to 50 states.
- Dwight D. Eisenhower was president.
- Mass was in Latin.
- • Pakistan was a mission field, and became a vice-province in the Dominican Order as Fr. Greg finished 20 years there.
- The Filipino Dominicans did not yet administer their own province, that process only began a few years before Fr. Greg started his 35 years there.
- Gas was 30 cents a gallon.
- Elizabeth II was queen of England...okay so not everything has changed.

Many things have changed in 65 years, but some things never do. And one thing remains just as true as it was when it was sung 65 years ago. *Tu es sacerdos in aeternum*—you are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

If true for him, it is also true for us too, that Christ's abiding presence endures and his transforming work continues through Fr. Greg's hands, and in our hearts, here at Holy Innocents.

Or, to quote Fr. Greg's boss: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the world."

In Christ our High Priest,

Fr. Leo, O.P