

Fr. Arul Assigned Locally

Father Maria Susai Arul has been appointed Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ville Platte. His appointment became effective Thursday, Nov. 15.

Father Arul is a native of India from the southern most district around Cape Comorin from the Diocese of Kottar. He is the third of 17 children and was ordained into the priesthood in 1967.

He has been both a teacher and a high school principal and came to the United States in May of 1973. He holds a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Villanova University in Villanova, Penn., and has completed course work for a Doctorate of Philosophy in Exceptional Child Education at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Fla.

Father Arul comes to Ville Platte from St. Petersburg, Fla., where he resided while studying at the University of South Florida. He is interested in counseling work, particularly counseling of parents where emotionally disturbed children might be involved. He is also interested in becoming involved in Special Education Programs in the parish.

"I'm happy to be here," Father Arul told The Gazette last Thursday. He said his arrival here marks the first time he has been in Louisiana and he looks forward to living and working in this area.



Father Maria Susai Arul

Questionnaires Being Pri

WASHINGTON -- The checklists for the great American nose count are rolling off the presses.

They are the census questionnaires, which soon will show how many more of us there are now than 10 years ago. And they will reveal how we are changing with the times, tuning our lifestyles to the energy crunch, social trends, and housing demands.

By about this time next year, when the forms have been filled out and

tallied up, the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce expects to find 222 million people living under the Stars and stripes.

That will be a 9 percent increase since the 1970 Census of Population and Housing, the most recent of the population counts that have been made every 10 years in one form or another since 1790, as ordered by our founding fathers.

The main purpose of the count--now as 190 years ago--is to determine how many congressmen the