

First pastorates / Bishop announces area assignments

Bishop William G. Connare of the Catholic Diocese of Greensburg has named three priests to their first pastorates. The Rev. George K. Alderson has been appointed pastor of St. Sylvester Church, Slickville; the Rev. Leonard J. Bealko, pastor of St. Elizabeth Church, Starford, and its mission of Sacred Heart Church, Dixonville; and the Rev. James J. Joyce, pastor of St. Michael Church, Glen Campbell, and its mission of SS. Peter and Paul Church, Arcadia.

The assignments are effective Wednesday, Aug. 10.

All three priests receiving their first pastorates were ordained together by Bishop Connare on May 8, 1971, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg.

Father Bealko is from Fayette County where he attended school in Edenborn and at All Saints in Masonstown. After graduation from Kolb Memorial High School in Masonstown, he attended St. Mary College and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Mich. He received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from St. Mary College, and in 1978 a master's degree in divinity from SS. Cyril and Methodius.

After ordination, Father Bealko was an associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin. Subsequently, he served at Holy Trinity Church, Ligonier; St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, New Kensington; St. Leonard Church, Monessen; Transfiguration Church, Mt.



REV. JAMES G. JOYCE

Pleasant; and returned in May 1979 to St. Mary of Czestochowa, his current assignment.

Father Bealko served as youth moderator of Deanery VII from 1975-79 and currently serves on the Catholic Committee on Scouting Boys.

Father Joyce has taught religion at Greensburg Central Catholic High School since 1978. A native of Philadelphia, he attended St. Paul and St. Francis prep schools there before entering St. Francis College, Loretto, from which he holds a bachelor of arts degree in Latin. He



REV. LEONARD J. BEALKO

received a master's degree in divinity from St. Vincent Seminary and in January 1983 a master's degree in religious education from Loyola University in Chicago.

Father Joyce's first assignment was an associate pastorate at St. Agnes Church in Irwin. He also served as an associate at St. Joseph Church, New Kensington; St. Pius X Church, Mt. Pleasant; and St. Peter Church, Brownsville.

Father Alderson moves to Slickville after serving at St. Edward Church, Herminie, since May 1978.

After attending school for eight years at St. Mary's in his hometown of Beaver Falls, Father Alderson received his secondary education at St. Meinrad Prep, St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad, Ind. He attended Gannon University, Erie, and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and English literature from St. Pius X College, Erlanger, Ky. He is a graduate of St. Vincent Seminary where he was the recipient of a master's degree in theology.

He received his first assignment as an associate at St. John Church, Uniontown. In May 1974, he moved to St. Margaret Mary Church, Lower Burrell, and two years later received his present assignment in Herminie.

Father Alderson was the diocesan Catholic Youth Organization athletic director from 1972-76 and was youth moderator for Deanery IV from 1976-82.

Announcements

SS. Peter, Paul plans picnic

HOMER CITY — SS. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church invites the public to its annual summer picnic, Sunday, Aug. 7. This year's event will be held at the Red Barn Sportsmen's Club of Route 119 at the Tearing Run Exit.

Activities will begin at noon with traditional picnic and ethnic (Middle European) foods being served throughout the day.

Former resident accepts post

The public is invited to the program at 7 p.m. today (Saturday). It is the only one to be presented in the area by the group.

The Kids of the Kingdom from Stanford, Ill., are making a tour of eastern United States.

Service postponed, rescheduled

The Prayer and Praise service usually scheduled for the end of the month at the First Christian Church, Fifth and Water streets, Indiana, has been postponed for this month.

The next Prayer and Praise service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14.