

## Pastor of the week

**PATTON** — The Rev. William J. Valverde, 40, was appointed Catholic chaplain at Patton State Hospital effective July 1.

Valverde, a native of San Diego, is a 1954 graduate of St. Augustine High School in San Diego. He earned a B.A. degree in philosophy in 1961 from the University of San Diego.

He was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1962.

Valverde is working toward a master's degree in clinical psychology at the University of San Francisco.

His pastorates have included associate pastor at St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Oceanside, 1962-65; St. Mary's, El Centro, 1965-67; St. Joseph's, Upland, 1967-68; St. Edward's, Corona, 1968-70, and St. Mary's, Escondido, 1970-73. He served as pastor of St. Ann's, Needles, 1973-76.

Valverde served with the Sheriff's Department of San Diego County from April 1976 to July 1977 as Catholic chaplain at the central jail and as religious activities coordinator.

During his pastoral service, Valverde helped organize community counseling centers in Needles,



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Corona and El Centro and worked with delinquent youths.

He served as president of the Needles High School PTA in 1974-75 and was a member of Rotary clubs in Needles and La Mesa.