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Rev. Francis Dowd Will
Serve As Spiritual Ad-
visor At Whittier

Rev. Francis Leo Dowd, 33, a Redemptorist priest at the St. Alphonsus Church in Fresno, today was appointed chaplain at the Whittier State School for Boys at Whittier.



Rev. Francis
Dowd

The appointment was made on the recommendation of Archbishop John J. Cantwell of Los Angeles in recognition of Rev. Dowd's work in the Fresno County Juvenile Court.

The priest will assume his new duties November 16th at which time he will become the first spiritual advisor ever permanently assigned to the institution. His primary duties will be to work for the improvement of morale among the young inmates at the school, scene of numerous escapes and two deaths of inmates in the last year.

The office of the state director of institutions in Sacramento said Rev. Dowd's appointment follows the setting up of a special appropriation of \$22,000 for the employment of eight group superintendents and medical and spiritual supervisors at the home.

Rev. Dowd, a native of Chicago, Ill., was assigned to the local church in 1936 to work among the Portuguese members of the parish. He has conducted many Portuguese missions and masses during his stay here.

Directed CYO Activities

He also served as director of the Catholic Youth Organization for the parish, training many championship baseball, basketball and

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track teams during the five year period.

His religious training was received at St. Joseph's College at Kirkwood, Mo., at the Redemptorist Novitiate at DeSoto, Mo., and at the order's seminary at Oconomowoc, Wis.

Rev. Dowd said he has no definite plans as to the program he will follow among the young inmates of the institution, preferring to confer on this matter with superiors in the South.

Meanwhile state officials announced a new director of the state institution will be appointed next week to succeed William B. Cox. Cox resigned yesterday in a salary row.

Hurls Verbal Brickbats

Cox, who was "drafted" by Governor Olson from the Osborne Society, a prison reform organization, to bring order out of asserted chaos at the Whittier institution, tossed in his towel and simultaneously hurled a verbal brickbat at the state personnel board.

In a letter to Dr. Aaron J. Rosanoff, state director of institutions, Cox announced his decision to retire as superintendent of the school December 4th, the end of his temporary appointment period. He will not, he said, take the civil service examination November 22nd to qualify for retaining the job permanently.

Praises Olson, Rosanoff

The letter said:

"It is with sincere regret that I must advise you that after weighing most carefully all of the facts and conditions, we (Mr. and Mrs. Cox) have determined that because of financial reasons it will not be possible for me to remain.

"I appreciate fully the position in which both you and Governor Olson may be placed by this decision, but I should at this time like to go on record in saying that I am certain both of you have acted in perfect faith, and have given me splendid cooperation.

"If there is any chicanery involved in the situation, it is entirely on the part of the personnel board, and I shall consider it my duty so to state at the time I leave the state service."

Dr. Rosanoff said Cox has expressed dissatisfaction with the time taken by the personnel board to set up the examination required by law for the position.