

# New Church Appointments Announced

New appointments to Decatur and area Roman Catholic Churches in the Springfield Diocese were announced recently by the Most Rev. William A. O'Connor, bishop of the diocese.

Changes will be effective July 30.

The Rev. Bernard A. Kurz and the Rev. Bernard La Bonte, assistant pastors of St. James Catholic Church in Decatur, have been reassigned.

Father Kurz will be assistant pastor for Saints Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, and Father La Bonte, assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Pana.

They will be succeeded by the Rev. Martin O'Hara, now assistant pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church, Springfield, and the Rev. Kevin Sullivan, recently ordained.

The Rev. Robert L. Heintz will become assistant director of Catholic Charities in Decatur and administrator of Sacred Heart Church, Dalton City.

He succeeds the Rev. Cornelius Horn, who will become pastor of St. Joseph Church, Mount Sterling, following the resignation of the Rev. J. L. Marley.

The Rev. Bernard A. Meyer, assistant pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church, Decatur, has been named assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Springfield. He will be succeeded by the Rev. Roy R. Bauer, presently assistant pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church, Springfield.

Two new assistant pastors at St. Mary's Church, Taylorville, will be the Rev. Martin Gibbons, assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, Mattoon, and the Rev. John Savoree, recently ordained.

The Rev. Leo Sestak, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Taylorville, goes to Christ the King Church, Springfield, as assistant pastor.

The Rev. Louis C. Shea, a Decatur native, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Taylorville, will become assistant pastor of St. Rose Church and assistant director of Catholic Charities, Quincy.

The Rev. John D. O'Connell will be assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception Church in Mattoon. He is now assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Springfield.

The Rev. James Hughes, presently pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Stonington, will become pastor of St. Rita's Church, Kincaid.