

Meet the Rev. Louis B. Moeller

PASTOR, ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



The Rev. Louis B. Moeller, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church (San Jose Mission), 1623 North Randolph, was born Dec. 13, 1925, in Olfen, Texas. His first years of schooling were at St. Boniface's School in Olfen. In 1933 the family moved to Rowena where he was graduated from St. Joseph's High School in 1943.

Father Moeller's years of schooling in preparation for the priesthood were spent in St. John's Seminary, San Antonio; St. John's Brighton, Mass., and in St. Thomas', Denver, Colo. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1951 by the Most Rev. Urban J. Vehr in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver.

The 12 past years of Father's priestly life have been spent as pastor of various churches throughout the West Texas area, including Happy, Stanton, Lamesa, Childress, and Pep. He was instrumental in the building of churches in Tarzan, Lamesa, and O'Donnell, and of a parish rectory in Morton. Shortly after the establishment of the new Diocese of San Angelo, Father Moeller was called by Bishop Thomas J. Drury to succeed Father Fideles as pastor of St. Joseph's Church.

In addition to pastorate, Father Moeller, is also the dean of the San Angelo district, Diocesan Director of the Bishops Committee for the Spanish Speaking, and Diocesan Coordinator of the Cursillo movement. He has a brother, Maurice Moeller, married and four children, farming east of Eola, and a sister, Mrs. Victor Hlavinka (one daughter), living in Texarkana, Ark. Father's mother still lives on the home place south of Rowena. His father, the late Mr. Joe C. Moeller, died a year ago of a heart attack.
