



Rev. R. H. Lewis Is New Pastor At St. Joseph Church

The Rev. Robert H. Lewis arrived in Selma Thursday, September 11, from Wasco to assume the pastorate of the St. Joseph Catholic Church. He succeeds the Rev. Amancio Rodriguez who was assigned to the Soledad parish.

The new pastor will be guest of honor at a reception at 8 o'clock tonight following the regular meeting of the St. Joseph Altar Society which is scheduled as men's night.

Hosts and hostesses will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amaro, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Amaro, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Forrest, Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Fanucchi, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lopez and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mason.

Father Lewis is a native of Cloverport, Ky. He studied for the priesthood at St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kansas, and at the St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, where he was ordained June 14, 1930.

His first assignment was as pastor of Clovis and Pinedale, followed by pastorates at Lone Pine, Tranquillity, Sanger and Lemoore.

In 1946, Father Lewis was named administrator of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Avenal and November 1947, he was moved to St. John's Church at Wasco. While in Wasco he established St. Therese's in Shafter as a parish, and was appointed pastor of the Wasco church in February 1950.