

Church Reception Honors Knelleken

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A reception honoring the Rev. James Knelleken, first pastor of Holy Trinity Catholic Church who has been active in a number of community organizations, is set for tomorrow evening at 7:30 in Holy Trinity Parish Hall on Pine Road.

Father Knelleken, following dedication Sunday of Holy Trinity Church, is slated to be at the Maryknoll Missioners headquarters in Maryknoll, N.Y., in September. Following that he will go to Cochobomba, Bolivia, to attend a Maryknoll language school before embarking on missionary work.

A native of Tacoma, Father Knelleken attended Holy Rosary School in that city prior to entering St. Edward's Seminary, Kenmore (King County). He was ordained at St. James Cathedral in 1951 and was appointed assistant pastor at St. Charles Catholic Church, Tacoma.

He was appointed to his first pastorate at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Raymond (Pacific County), in 1958 where he remained for six years. With the establishment of Holy Trinity parish in Bremerton, he was appointed its first pastor five years ago.

Originally Father Knelleken



REV. JAMES KNELLEKEN
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was to enter the University of Puerto Rico this week. However, the school term was to begin before the dedication of the local church could be arranged and he subsequently changed his plans in order to be present at that occasion.

Father Knelleken said that some time before he came to Bremerton he had requested such a mission assignment from the church. With the ordination

of 16 new priests in the Seattle archdiocese last spring, it made possible his new appointment and, as such, he is the first priest from the archdiocese to receive an overseas assignment from the local headquarters.

Asked what he thought he might be doing after he completed the school in South America, Father Knelleken said he didn't know.

"They (the South American peasantry) don't understand germs or arithmetic or reading and writing. I may be giving arithmetic lessons over the radio," he said.

"We don't go to make a lot of converts. We go to help. We have to let those people know that we care for people as they are," he said. "We have to help people help themselves."

"People don't realize what is happening down there," he said.

There is a three per cent growth in population annually and Father Knelleken said he believed the future of the church is in Latin America, where once there had been a lot of negligence on the part of the church, but where there is now a great deal of development and experimentation going on.

Father Knelleken was asked how Pope Paul VI's encyclical banning birth control devices would affect Latin America.

"I don't know how the Pope's decision will affect them (Latin Americans).

"We're glad for the encyclical. However, I don't think it solves the real problems. It's meant as an ideal, but it will be very difficult for many people to follow this ideal and I think there is more to be said. This is not the final answer ... he hasn't closed all the doors."

Asked his feelings toward leaving Holy Trinity after five years of work, which culminated in the building of a huge new complex consisting of a rectory and offices, the church itself, and an educational center, Father Knelleken said he felt the church to be in capable hands.

He said he felt the timing might have been a little off.

"The church," he said, "should have been built a year ago and I could have enjoyed it a year."

At tomorrow evening's reception, a church official said, the community is invited and the occasion is not a religious affair.

Two Men Accused Of Violating City Ordinance

Two men were charged with annoying or accosting a female, under a Bremerton city ordinance, yesterday morning. One of them was also accused of reckless driving.

Four police officers said they watched a car driven by Thomas Wadsworth Nelson, 22, Renton, travelling on the wrong side of Wheaton Way at 6:35 a.m. yesterday, moving slowly beside a woman walking on the sidewalk.

James Anderson Nelson, 19, also of Renton, was a passenger in the car, they said.

The car followed the woman along the sidewalk for some distance, then suddenly cut left in front of the woman, bumping

her. She then ran across the street to the other sidewalk, officers reported.

The officers then placed the pair in the car under arrest, charging both with annoying or accosting a female, and the driver with reckless driving.

Thomas Nelson posted \$250 bail and was released. The passenger was freed on \$100 bail.

The woman told police the car had stopped on the Manette Bridge, and had backed along the bridge, forcing oncoming traffic to pull out around it. During this time the driver was attempting to talk to her.

Asked by police if the pair had been trying to pick her up, the woman said they had, officers reported.

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