

Two priest to leave parishes

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Two local Roman Catholic parishes will lose their pastors as of April 15. The Rev. Mike Marini of Resurrection Church in Aptos has announced he is leaving because of "signs of stress" and the Rev. Joe Watt of St. Joseph's in Capitola will take a sabbatical and vacation that will last longer until June 1986.

In a letter to parishioners, Marini stated, "At the same time as I am feeling the effects of stress, I believe that Resurrection Parish is being challenged as never before ... We are becoming the kind of parish in which the people of God take responsibility for all the ministry in the parish, exclusive of that exercised by the ministerial priesthood. Resurrection is also at a critical point in its evolution as a physical plant. Will it move or not? Will it build or not? What will it build?"

"These critical issues require an energetic and creative leadership just to guide the parish toward the discovery of its options. At the present time, I have neither the energy nor the psychological resources to give the people of Resurrection Parish the administrative or psychological leadership which the parish requires."

Marini, in his mid-50's, is a Santa Cruz native and member of the Marini candy-

making family. He entered the priesthood in 1941. He served at Holy Cross Parish, then went to San Luis Obispo before being assigned to Resurrection in 1978.

He plans to continue working, as a chaplain to the Poor Clares, a cloistered convent in Aptos and to continue his education.

The Rev. Richard Bonjean has been appointed the new pastor of Resurrection Church.

Watt, who came to St. Joseph's 13 months ago after nine years at Holy Eucharist Catholic Community in Corralitos, will take his first sabbatical after 25 years as a priest. Assistant pastor Barry Brunzman will serve as administrator of the church.

He is leaving before the school year begins in August, he said, because he wants to take a vacation and visit his family in Ohio.

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