

# Springfield Priest Bishop's Secretary

Rev. George A. Berthiaume, assistant pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas' church in Springfield, has been appointed private secretary to Most Rev. Christopher J. Weldon, bishop of the Springfield diocese, and master of ceremonies for the diocese. The appointment became effective this morning.

Father Berthiaume will assume some of the duties of Rev. Timothy Champoux, vice chancellor of the diocese, who has been filling both positions. As master of ceremonies, Fr. Berthiaume will become the liturgical director and authority for all church ceremonies in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties. He will accompany Bishop Weldon on all pontifical occasions in the 122 churches of the diocese.

Fr. Berthiaume was born in Southbridge, and was ordained Jan. 13, 1945. He was then assigned to St. Thomas Aquinas' church where he remained until he received his new appointment.