Rev. Alvin Pilie to mark 25 years in the priesthood

The Rev. Alvin J. Pilie, S.J., will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood Sunday.

There will be a concelebrated Low Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 619 Copper NW, at 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Rev. Carl Hammer, pastor of Assumption parish, will preach. An ensemble of five guitarists will play.

Reception Planned

The Ladies League of Immaculate Conception parish will entertain with a reception following the Mass at St. Mary's Junior High School. Mrs. Salvador Garcia, president of the league, said the reception will continue until 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Father Pilie has been assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception since July, 1968.

Staved Longer

"I came to Albuquerque on July 4, 1968, intending to stay two weeks. Jesuit priests I have known have raved about Albuquerque's cool summers and warm hearted people. I



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planned to make a retreat for a week and then pop over to see the Grand Canyon," Father Pilie said.

However, an assistant post was open and Father Pilie was named to the position.

A native of New Orleans, he entered the Jesuit Order in 1932. He is a graduate of St. Louis University and was ordained a priest in 1945 in St. Mary's, Kan.

Was Loyola Professor

Except for three years as assistant pastor at Gesu Church, Miami, Fla., in 1949-52, Father Pilie spent most of his years in religious studies and teaching.

He taught for three years at the Jesuit juniorate in Grand Coteau, La., and for 15 years at Loyola University in New Orleans, La., where he was associate professor.

He was at Heythrop College and Oxford University, England, doing graduate research in 1966-67.

Wesleyan University has new president

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