New assignment for priest

The Rev. Frederick Lukehart, principal of Central Catholic High School and assistant superintendent of Youngstown Diocesan schools in Stark County, has been assigned a pastorate and the Rev. Patrick J. Conway, S.P., assistant pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, is returning today to Holy Spirit Retreat House in Canton.

The assignments were announced today by the Office of Communications of the diocese in Youngstown.

FATHER LUKEHART, whose appointment is effective June 11, has been named pastor of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Conneaut, Ohio. He will succeed the Rev. Frederick Slaven, who recently accepted the pastorate of Holy Family Parish in Poland, Ohio, according to Bishop James W. Malone of the diocese, who said that a pro-tem administrator will be appointed to the parish in the interim.

Father Conway, who is 75 years old, has served St. Mary's over a period of about 15 years. He was relieved of his assignment at his own request because of age and ill health. A Paraclete priest, he is returning to his order's community house.

Since his ordination, April 21, 1963. Father Lukehart has served as assistant poster of St. Brendau's parish, Youngstown and on the faculty of Ursuline High School, Youngstown, Central Catholic in Reedurban and St. Thomas Aquinas High School at Louisville.

In addition to his pastoral assignments and duties as principal at Central Catholic, be has been active in the



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Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Civil Air Patrol, Junior Achievement as a board member and on the advisory board of St. Joseph's Hospice, Louisville.

FATHER CONWAY first came to St. Mary's in the early 1960's to substitute for vocationing parish priests. In 1970 Bishop Malone cannonically appointed him assistant pastor. In addition to his work at the local parish he offered Sunday masses each week at St. Peter-of-the-Fields parish, Rootstown, for more than 10 years.

A native of Spokane, Wash, where he grew up with Bing Crosby, he was professed as a Jesuit religious in 1921 and ordained a priest in 1934. His varied ministry included



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teaching, work with Indian missions and parish work.

He has a sister, Mrs. Mary Van Slatte of Spokane and a brother, Conrad Conway of Fargo, N.D.

St. Mary's staff honored Father Conway with a dinner Thursday evening at an area restaurant. A parish farewell reception will be announced in the near future.

Father Conway can be reached at Holy Spirit Retreat, 4200 N Market ave, Canton 44714.

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