

# Catholic Minister To Celebrate 25 Years as a Priest

The Rev. Neil Flemming of St. Williams Catholic Church will mark his 25th anniversary as a priest with celebrations at the church this Sunday.

He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at the noon Mass at St. Williams Church, located on Seagate Drive in the Pelican Bay area. A reception in his honor in the parish hall of the church will follow the Mass.

Flemming is the pastor of St. Williams, taking over his duties there last June.

He is a native of Fort Pierce and was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of St. Augustine on May 11, 1958 in St. Ann Church in West Palm Beach.

He started his priestly career as assistant pastor at Little Flower Church in Coral Gables, while at the same time was a member of the faculty at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami.

From 1959 to 1975, he was secretary and master of ceremonies for Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll.

From 1959 to 1963, Flemming was director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and also served as the Bishop's Representative to the Dade County United Service Organization.

In 1960, he was named assistant pastor at Holy Family Church in North Miami. A year later, he was reassigned as Substitute Vicar at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Sunny Isles.

Other than his parochial studies, Flemming was the Bishop's Representative and coordinator of the archbishop's charities drive from 1961 to 1969.



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In 1963, he was appointed administrator of St. Lawrence Church in North Miami Beach, and from 1965 to 1969, he directed activities at Boys Town of South Florida. For six years, he also was director of the Priests' Purgatorial Society.

He was named pastor of St. Gregory's Church in Plantation in 1968, and four years later became pastor of St. Clare's Parish. He stayed there until coming to St. Williams last year.

Flemming serves as chairman of the Personnel Planning Committee and is a member of the Pastoral Advisory Board of "The Voice," a weekly publication of the Archdiocese.