

## Father Faust Invested as Prelate

Very Rev. Father Claude A. Faust, V.F., pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Rockne, was invested as a Domestic Prelate in special ceremonies held at St. Mary's Cathedral in Austin on Thursday, December 10, with His Excellency, The Most Rev. Louis J. Reicher, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Austin, presiding.

The ceremonies at the cathedral were attended by a large number of the hierarchy and monsignori from the various dioceses of Texas and a large number of the clergy and laity of the Diocese of Austin and elsewhere, who were invited for the occasion.

Rev. Eugene Dore, C.S.C. of Austin was Reader of the Papal Letters from Pope Paul VI, granting the honors; the sermon was delivered by Right Rev. Msgr. Roy Rihn of San Antonio and Very Rev. Father Harold Zink, C.S.C., Rector of the Cathedral, presided at Solemn Benediction concluding the ceremonies. Rev. John Driscoll of Austin was master of ceremonies and the Holy Cross Brothers choir of St. Edward's Uni-

versity furnished the music.

Following the ceremonies in the cathedral, a banquet for the clergy and members of the immediate families of the honorees was held at the Driskill Hotel, with Rt. Rev. Msgr. Pieri of Houston as toastmaster.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Monsignor Faust was celebrant of a Solemn High Mass of Thanksgiving in Sacred Heart Church, for which his many friends from surrounding communities as well as his parishioners of Rockne and String Prairie were present.

Rev. Floyd Bielamowicz of Lockhart and Rev. Joseph Bochenki, C.M.F. of San Marcos were deacon and subdeacon respectively, and Rev. Edward Rebroker of Blanco was master of ceremonies. The music for the mass was sung by the San Antonio Liederkrantz with Prof. Bernhard Kalthoff as director. Servers for the mass were J. Gordon Goertz and Kenneth Fohn. Johnny Goertz was cross bearer. Billy Kadura and Glennis Kadura, torch bearers. Alvin Frerich, thurifer, and Thos. Beck, cross bearer. The sermon was delivered by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Beck of Victoria, formerly a parishioner of Sacred Heart Parish.

A reception and buffet given by the parishioners in the parish hall followed the solemn mass. Monsignor Faust, his mother, Mrs. Fred H. Faust of San Antonio, his sister, Sister Claude Marie, C.C. V.I., professor of mathematics at Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, and the presidents of the various lay organizations at Rockne and String Prairie Mark Goertz, Mrs. Vernon Bartsch, Mrs. Jerry Hilbig, Mrs. Glenn McGee and Bill Ott formed the receiving line.

Officers and chairmen of the Rockne-String Prairie CYO were in charge of the guest book. Mmes. Fred Fiebrich, Herman Goertz, Horace Fohn, Adolph Hoffman, Francis Goertz, Herman Wilhelm, Verlin Hendrix, John Beck and Alvin Frerich were in charge of refreshments, and Mrs. Matthew Bartsch was in charge of floral decorations for the church and the reception.

Monsignor Faust was ordained for the San Antonio Archdiocese in May 1939, and was immediately appointed as instructor at St. John's Seminary, continuing in that post until the Seminary was assigned to the Vincentian Fathers and the diocesan clergy were relieved for other duties. He later served as archdiocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and was also appointed a member of the Commission on Church Music and director of Scouting, meanwhile assisting in various parishes. He was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Rockne, in 1946.

In 1948 the Rockne Parish became a part of the newly-created Diocese of Austin and soon thereafter he was appointed Diocesan Moderator of the Council of Catholic Women for the Diocese of Austin, a federation of all lay women's organizations in the diocese, a post he continues to hold.

More recently he was appointed Dean of the Lockhart Deanery comprising seven parishes and five mis-

sion churches, and is a member of the Diocesan Board of Consultors. He served as Diocesan Director of the Displaced Persons Program during the first three years of its operation and for one term as an auditor on the Infirm Priests Fund Association. At present he also serves as one of the synodal judges on the Diocesan Curia and as a member of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission.