

Former Lynn Priest Ordained 25 Years

A former West Lynn man, the Rev. Leonard F. Stanton, will sing a Mass of Thanksgiving Sunday in celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination, at St. Agnes Church, Vermillion, S. D., where he is pastor.

Father Stanton was a member of the first graduating class of St. Mary's Boys' High in 1934. He graduated from Boston College in 1938 and from St. John's Seminary, Brighton. He was ordained into the priesthood by Richard Cardinal Cushing, and said his first Mass in St. Mary's Church, Jan. 10, 1943.

er, Patrick J. Stanton, 11 South St. Accompanying him will be the priest's sister, Mrs. Rose Quirk of Baltimore, Md., and his aunt, Mrs. Lillian Stanton, also of South Street and prominent in affairs at St. Mary's Church.

Master of ceremonies and speaker will be the Right Rev. Msgr. William Granville, rector of Cardinal O'Connell Academy.

In his youth Father Stanton was a coxswain at the West Lynn Boat Club under coaches Dinny Dineen and former Mayor M. Henry Wall. At Vermillion, he also serves as chaplain for the area Boy Scouts.



REV. LEONARD F. STANTON

His first assignment was as assistant at St. Mary's Church, Abington. He later served at St. Joseph's Church, Malden, before volunteering for duty in the West.

He was sent to South Dakota under a Cardinal Cushing "lend lease" program when a shortage of priests in the area became acute. He volunteered to stay on and has been permanently assigned to the area. Prior to becoming pastor at St. Agnes he was an assistant at Lesterville, S. D.

FATHER TO ATTEND

Among the guests at the parish dinner and reception for Father Stanton will be his fath-