

# Parish Prepares For Celebration of Silver Jubilee

**Born in Bavaria**  
The Rev. Fr. **Vallée** was born 22 years ago, April 16, 1899, on a Tuesday, in Hilly Wick, in the town of Hilsenberg in the famous diocese of Speyer in Bavaria. He was baptized on Holy Saturday, April 20, 1899, at the 15th Century Speyer Cathedral, resting place of eight German emperors and a building regarded as one of the religious architectural masterpieces of the world.

Fr. **Vallée** who was among the many natives of Hilsenberg who became priests and monks, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph **Vallée**. His mother was Miss Anna Mary Weismann before her marriage.

He was the eighth of nine children, William, Michael, Anne, Elizabeth, Emma, Valentine, Mary, Peter, Clement and Rose. Valentine died in infancy. Rose died at the age of 13 years. Mary and Elizabeth entered the religious life. Elizabeth entered the Carmelite Order and became Veronica Sister M. Bernarda of St. Francis Xavier and the Holy Child. She worked in Holland, Italy, Hungary and Switzerland until her death February 5, 1927.

**Sister in Africa**  
Mary entered the Dominican Order and chose the African mission fields for her life's work. Now Venerable Sister M. Desface, she is at King Williamstown in the Union of South Africa, serving as instructor in a state high school. Only a short time ago she celebrated her silver jubilee in the African mission service.

William is still in Hilsenberg, operating a factory there. He is married and has six children. Magdalena was married but died as a young mother, leaving three small children, two of whom now reside in New York.

Anna became Mrs. Louis Meyer and lived in St. Louis for many years before she died on August 17, 1939. Her son, Nahert, is employed by the Missouri Pacific railroad there. Emma became Mrs. Carl Koenig and she and her husband operated a large grocery store in the capital city of Bavaria.

**To U.S. in 1907**  
Father **Vallée** spent his grade school days in his home town. He entered the high school at St. Wendel in the Rhine province, came to America in 1907 and continued his studies at St. Benedict's College at St. Benedict, Ia. His philosophical course took him to New Subiaco Abbey at Subiaco, Ark. He completed his theological studies at Kendrick Seminary, St. Louis.

Father **Vallée** was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood, for the St. Joseph diocese, by Archbishop J. J. Cullen, D.D., at St. Louis, June 13, 1916. He offered his first Mass on June 18, 1916, on the Feast of the Holy Trinity, at the Church of St. Louis. The mass of the church that year celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary in the priesthood.

The Most Rev. M. Burke, then bishop of St. Joseph, first assigned Father **Vallée** as assistant pastor at St. Columba's church at Chillicothe, then as pastor at Ufa. The church at Ufa was enlarged during his pastorate there.

Later he served for short periods at Kahula and Adair. In 1919 he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's church at Chillicothe, where the church and rectory underwent considerable improvement during his stay.

In 1923 Bishop Giffitan called him to Eminence and during his pastorate at St. Boniface's church there the new rectory was built.

**Here Since 1924**  
Father **Vallée** was appointed pastor of the Immaculate Conception church here in July, 1924. On the first Sunday in August this year he completed his twenty-sixth year in the parish.

Of particular delight during his years here have been the entrance into holy orders of two young men and several young women in the parish.

Among the young women who undertook religious life are Sister M. Assumpta, the former Miss Lucille Bunn; Sister M. Elizabeth, the former Miss Agnes Bunn; and Sister M. Roman, the former Miss Mary Schumann. The young men ordained to the priesthood are the Rev. Fr. Leo Kelly, formerly of Moberly, and the Rev. Fr. William Schumann, whose ordination in St. Joseph and first Mass celebrated here occurred early in June.

Father **Vallée's** silver jubilee celebration would have occurred in June rather than the October 13 date agreed upon at that time, but Father **Vallée** consented to the jubilee party only after being assured that his celebration would "in no way" conflict with that of Father Schumann.

He quietly completed his twenty-sixth year in the priesthood and began his twenty-sixth last June 13, the week following Father Schumann's ordination and first Mass.