



REV FRANCIS A. MANTICA

## Gets Chaplain Assignment For Area Unit

Rev. Francis A. Mantica, assistant pastor of St. Francis de Sales' Church and a teacher at Catholic Central High School, last night was named chaplain of the Troy Columbiettes.

The appointment was made by Most Rev. William A. Skully, D.D., bishop of the Albany Diocese, and was announced by Mrs. Rose U. Boselman, Columbiettes president, at a meeting of the executive officers in the K. of C. Bldg.

He will be formally introduced to the members at the regular meeting Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. in the K. of C.

Father Mantica, a native of Albany, was graduated from Vincentian Institute in that city in 1945 and served for two years in the Navy. After working for the state, he received a dual bachelor's degree in fine arts and education from Syracuse University in 1953.

He worked for a time as a commercial artist in Syracuse and also taught in the public schools at Rome.

Father Mantica then decided to study for the priesthood and he completed graduate studies in theology at Loyola University in Chicago, St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore and Catholic University in Washington.

He was ordained May 23, 1959, and served as assistant pastor of St. Margaret's Church in Rotterdam Junction until he received his present appointment.

Father Mantica instructs senior religion, engineering drawing and dramatics at Catholic High. At St. Francis he is chaplain for the Christian Family Movement, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorer Scouts.

An expert in sign language, he works closely with deaf mutes in the area. He also participates actively in efforts to bring juvenile delinquency under control.