

Rev. C. E. Snyder Will Observe 25th Anniversary

The Rev. Fr. Clatus E. Snyder, pastor of St. Leo's Roman Catholic parish, Eggertsville, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood on Tuesday, May 26. No special celebration is planned, but Father Snyder will say a High Mass of Thanksgiving that morning at St. Leo's chapel.

Father Snyder was ordained in 1934 at the Niagara University chapel, along with seven other young men, by Bishop James A. Walsh, superior general of the Maryknoll Fathers at Maryknoll, N. Y. Father Snyder's first High Mass was solemnized at St. Joseph's Church, University Heights,



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Buffalo, which parish Father Snyder's family attended. The following Sunday he said Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Williamsville, the parish in which he was born and in which his father and father's family have been most active.

Born in Williamsville

Father Snyder was born in Williamsville, the son of the late Edward and Clara Geiger Snyder. Father Snyder's father has been dead for 28 years, and his mother, for 23.

Father Snyder has four brothers and two sisters. They are: Cecil, Hammond, Ind.; Earl, Arcadia, Calif.; Claude, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mrs. Frank Sterling, Monterey Park, Calif.; Bertrand, La Canada, Calif., and Miss LaVancia Snyder, who resides at 101 Century Rd., Buffalo.

Father Snyder attended Canisius High School, Buffalo, and received his theological studies at St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester. Among the parishes he has served as assistant are St. John the Baptist, Englewood Ave.; Blessed Trinity, Leroy Ave.; St. Agnes, Lovejoy Ave.; Holy Cross, Maryland St., and SS. Peter and Paul, Williamsville.

Served as Air Force Chaplain

For four years, Father Snyder served as a chaplain in the U. S. Air Force in the Pacific, and had attained the rank of major by the time he left. After that, he acted as purchasing agent for the Buffalo diocese, during which time he was stationed at Father Baker's at

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Lackawanna. He also served as chaplain at St. Mary's of the Angels, Williamsville.

About five years ago, Father Snyder was named pastor of the newly formed parish of St. Leo's, Eggertsville. Under his leadership, the parish has grown and prospered. An addition has recently been completed to the handsome new school he built soon after the parish was formed. An open house is being held Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 at the school, for parishioners and friends so that the enlarged school building may be inspected.

Located in one of the most heavily populated areas in Western New York, the parish is still growing. Father Snyder has as his goal the building of a new church and a rectory in the near future.