

Rev. Congro to Be Ordained A Roman Catholic Priest

Rev. Basil Congro, a recently ordained Roman Catholic priest, will celebrate his first mass in the Fresno diocese, July 9 in Sacred Heart Church, 13th and M streets.

Rev. Congro and his family have been residents of Merced for three years. His parents are the senior Basil Congro and the late Mrs. Mary Congro.

Rev. Congro received a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's College in Baltimore, Md. He then studied at St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton, Fla., prior to obtaining a master's degree in theology from St. John's

Seminary in Camarillo. While attending St. John's he worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles.

He served in Merced as a lay minister during the summer of 1976 and as an ordained deacon for the summer of 1977. His ordination as a diocesan priest designates that he will serve exclusively in the Fresno diocese which includes Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa and Merced counties.

He will be at St. Joseph's Church in Los Banos for one month and will then be assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual

Help in Bakersfield.

The ordination ceremony took place in New York City June 10 and was conducted by Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe of Fresno.

The public is invited to attend the 7 p.m. celebration at Sacred Heart and the reception immediately following at St. Patrick's Auditorium, 1400 E. 27th St.