

# Fr. Andrew Zarek Named Pastor of New Billings Parish

## Official

THE DIOCESE OF GREAT FALLS  
725 Third Avenue North  
Great Falls, Montana

In accordance with provisions of the general law of the Church (Canons 216 & 1427) and having sought the advice of the Consultors of this diocese, a separate parish has been erected dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary with the title of Holy Rosary, including that portion of St. Patrick's parish, Billings, Mont., which is contained within the boundaries described as follows:

From the intersection of Highway 10 and Fifth street west, north on Fifth street to Grand avenue, west on Grand to 24th street; south on 24th street to the Northern Pacific railway tracks.

All Catholic living within the above described territory are considered members of Holy Rosary parish and, as such, are subject to the spiritual jurisdiction of the Reverend Pastor of that parish and, therefore, should contribute to the support of the same parish.

The decree will take effect June 29, 1951, and should be read publicly to the parishioners of St. Patrick's and Holy Rosary parishes on Sunday, July 1, 1951.

✱ WILLIAM J. CONDON  
Bishop of Great Falls

Given at Great Falls, Mont., on this seventh day of June, 1951.

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The Rev. Andrew J. Zarek, heretofore pastor of St. Agnes' parish, Red Lodge, Mont., has been appointed pastor of the newly erected Holy Rosary parish, Billings, Mont. The appointment is effective June 29, 1951.

Great Falls.—(Chancery Office)—The Most Rev. William J. Condon, D.D., Bishop of Great Falls, announced the appointment of the Rev. Andrew J. Zarek as pastor of the newly erected parish of the Holy Rosary in Billings, to become effective June 29. Father Zarek was ordained on Ascension Thursday, May 21, 1936, by the Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, D.D., in St. Ann's Cathedral, Great Falls. He offered his First Solemn Mass in St. Patrick's church, Chicago, where he went to St. Patrick's grade school. From St. Patrick's he entered Quigley Preparatory seminary and received his philosophy at St. Mary of the Lake seminary, Mundelein, Ill. His four years of theology he took at St. Thomas' seminary, Denver, Colo.

After his ordination he was appointed assistant at Sacred Heart parish, Glendive. In 1940 he was made pastor of Sacred Heart parish, Cascade, and editor of the *Eastern Montana Register*. In 1942 he entered the army as a chaplain with the rank of first lieutenant and was released in 1946 as a major. While in the service he was stationed in camps in the United States and in the European theater of operations, where he saw service. On returning to the Diocese of Great Falls after being released from the chaplain corps he was stationed at St. Mark's parish, Belt, until June of 1946, when he became pastor of St. Agnes' church, Red Lodge. While there the past five years the new St. Agnes grade school was built and improvements made on St. Agnes' church and parish house. Moreover, a new convent was purchased for the Sisters of Humility who teach in the parish school.

Father Zarek goes to the new Holy Rosary parish in Billings with much parish experience and a fine pastoral record of zeal and accomplishments. The *Register* readers wish him every success in his new parish.



Rev. Andrew Zarek

Father Zarek will offer his first Masses as pastor of the new parish in Central high school auditorium Sunday, July 1, at 10:10 and 11:10.

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