

New Pastor Appointed At Bassfield Church



REV. JAMES B. TAYLOR



REV. SYLVESTER HYNES

A new pastor has been appointed to St. Peter Catholic Church, Bassfield effective May 15. The Rev. James B. Taylor will succeed the Rev. Sylvester Hynes who has been assigned to St. James Parish, Leland. Father Taylor is presently assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish, Laurel.

These transfers were among a list of 32 appointments announced by Bishop Joseph B. Brunini, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson. The changes are the first since the announcement of a new policy of tenure. Under this policy pastors will usually be rotated after serving in a parish from eight to ten years.

Father James B. Taylor was born in Washington, D. C. on May 14, 1927. He studied at College-Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, Columbus, Ohio, and Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, La. He was ordained on May 1, 1954 in St. Peter Church, Jackson. He served as assistant pastor at St. Mary church, Jackson; Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary church, Biloxi; St. Mary church, Yazoo City; Our Lady of the Gulf church, Bay St. Louis; St. Paul church, Vicksburg; St. Therese parish, Jackson, and St. Joseph parish, Greenville. In May 1962 he was named pastor of St. Joseph church, Woodville. In Sept. 1964 he was an assistant to Mid-Mississippi Mission Band at Forest. In Aug. 1966 he was named assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception church, Laurel.

Father Sylvester Hynes was born Dec. 19, 1912 at Newbridge, Ballinasloe County, Galway, Ireland. He is an alumnus of St. Patrick College, Maynooth, County Kildare, Ireland where he was ordained on June 18, 1944. His first appointment in the diocese was assistant pastor of St. Patrick church, Meridian. From July 1954 until Sept. 1959 he served in the Diocese of Elphim in Ireland. In Oct. 1959 he was appointed administrator of St. Peter church, Bassfield, and in Jan. 1964 he was appointed pastor at Bassfield.