

Comes To St. Agnes



REV. JAMES MCSWEENEY

Catholic Church Gets New Pastor

Rev. James McSweeney
Comes Here To Succeed
The Rev. Thomas Roche

The Rev. James E. McSweeney has assumed duties here as pastor of St. Agnes Catholic church succeeding the Rev. Thomas G. Roche, who has been transferred to Roanoke Rapids.

Father McSweeney, who was appointed pastor of the local church by Vincent S. Waters, Most Reverend Bishop of Raleigh, is a former pastor of St. James church in Hamlet, a former assistant pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary church in High Point, a former pastor of St. Catherine of Siena church at Wake Forest, a former pastor of St. Lawrence church of Asheville, and a former pastor of the Sacred Heart Church of Whiteville.

At the present time he is Clerical assistant to the North Carolina Catholic Laymens association; assistant Diocesan director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine under the direct supervision of the Most Reverend James J. Navagh, Auxiliary Bishop of Raleigh; and a member of the Liturgical Commission of the Diocese of Raleigh.

A native of Lakewood, Ohio, he attended the Seminary at St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Kentucky; Our Lady of the Lake Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio; and Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, New York. He was ordained to the Priesthood May 13, 1930, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Erie, Pa., and has served in North Carolina since his ordination.

In September he was one of the principal speakers at the Tenth National Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine held in Buffalo, N. Y., and he recently delivered one of the principal addresses at the Regional Congress

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held in Washington, D. C. for the Southeastern states.

He has served as a member of the Junior Chamber of commerce, and as a member of the Uwharrie Council for the Boy Scouts of America.