

ST. CECILIA'S PASTOR IS TO CELEBRATE SILVER JUBILEE

**Rev. Silverius J. Quigley Was
Ordained At Rome On July
11, 1903—Plans In Making
for the Celebration.**

INTEREST IN EDUCATION

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Very Rev. Silverius J. Quigley, O. Carm., pastor of St. Cecilia's



REV. S. J. QUIGLEY.

church, Englewood, will be observed on Sunday, June 24.

Nineteen of the years of the jubilarian's sacerdotal quarter-century have seen him laboring in Englewood. The scope of his activities during that long period has been very broad, extending not only to all parochial affairs, but also to every civic movement that had for its objectives the welfare and betterment of the municipality.

Nothing was too large for his enthusiastic interest, nothing too small for his sympathy, encouragement and aid. Because of this broad interest he is generally regarded as one of Englewood's leading citizens, and his presence is earnestly sought for on all occasions of importance.

Among the civic improvements warmly advocated and aided by him were the Depot Park and new sta-

tion, the new city hall and city hall plaza, and the monument, and improvements at the corner of Pallsade avenue and Tenafly Road.

During the years of his association with the parish of St. Cecilia, there has been noteworthy progress along all lines of religious life.

He co-operated zealously with the former pastor, Father Angelus, in the work of erecting the magnificent new church structure which now graces the corner of Demarest avenue and Waldo Place, and which, besides being one of the outstanding buildings of Englewood, is one of the most perfect examples of church architecture in the state of New Jersey.

WORKED FOR SCHOOLS.

Later on, when Father Quigley had succeeded Father Angelus to the pastorate, he put forth his best efforts in the cause of education.

One of the results of his efforts along these lines was the new St. Cecilia's High school, an institution that has attracted the attention of educators throughout the State.

A coincidence that will lend an interesting feature to the jubilee celebration will be the fact that the first graduating class of St. Cecilia's High school will receive their diplomas during the week of the jubilee.

PLANS TO CELEBRATE.

A general demand on the part of the parishioners of St. Cecilia's to make Jubilee Week an occasion of the expression of gratitude from the parish for the long years of unselfish effort and eminent accomplishment resulted in the appointment of a committee to arrange a program and other features. The members of the committee have been functioning earnestly, untiringly and quietly.

They have received whole-hearted support from Sister Mary Benita and the Sisters of Charity of her community, who are in charge of the parochial and High school of the parish. A very interesting program is being arranged, the details of which will be published later.

BORN IN PITTSBURGH.

The Very Rev. Silverius J. Quigley, O. Carm., the jubilarian, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 6, 1880. He attended St. James' parochial school in that city. His classical studies were made in Holy Ghost college, Pittsburgh.

Holy Ghost college is now known as Duquesne university. At the conclusion of his college course he entered the novitiate of the Carmelite Order in New Baltimore, Pa.

On account of the exceptional talents shown in his college and seminary work he was chosen by his superiors as one of those who were to go to Rome for special training.

In the schools of Rome he revealed talents and an intensity of application that clearly proved the correctness of the appraisal his superiors had made of him. He was ordained to the priesthood in Rome, July 11, 1903.

After his return to America, he was assigned to St. Cyril's college, Chicago, Ill. There he taught for five years, his subjects being Advanced English, Mathematics and Apologetics.

In 1908, he was appointed to the pastorate of a small church on the banks of the Niagara river in Ontario, not far from the Eternal cataract.

The following year, 1909, he was

appointed assistant rector of St. Cecilia's, Englewood, during the pastorate of the late Father Angelus. He served as assistant for nine years, and in 1918, succeeded to the office of pastor.

The new office could not increase his zeal, for he was already giving his best. But it widened the scope of his work and thus permitted him to embody his ideals in the management and equipment of St. Cecilia's parish. The new priory and the new High school are a few among the many results of his planning. And the end is not yet. As examples of good architectural taste the above mentioned buildings hold first rank among the public edifices of Englewood.

ABILITY RECOGNIZED.

The superiors of the order of which he is a member were quick to recognize the executive ability and other exceptional parts of Father Quigley. They appointed him to many positions of trust, and to many tasks that called into requisition rarest and soundest judgment.

In all he acquitted himself with credit which won further confidence.

Besides being pastor, he is also local superior of the priory of St. Cecilia, and assistant provincial of the American Careslite Province. On one occasion he was chosen to represent the American Province in the General Chapter of the Order in Rome.

NOT QUITTING TIME.

Now that the twenty-fifth milestone is about to be passed, it has been deemed wise to pause a moment, check up on what has been done, and get a new grip on problems that still await solution.

It is not quitting time, by any means. The very suggestion of quitting would be resented by Father Quigley and by the people who esteem him highly.

The committee has planned to make a concrete presentation to the eyes of all the parish and citizens of Englewood of twenty-five years of perfect and edifying priestly life.

The presentation will take the form of tableaux and other effective stage settings, such as only the talented Sisters of Charity understand. This part of the jubilee will have to be seen in order to be appreciated.

HELPED BY FATHER.

Father Quigley would not hesitate to give credit for a large share of his successes to the experience and sound counsel of his aged father who has been with him almost uninterruptedly since his advent to Englewood.

In order to be near his only son and give him the benefit of his knowledge of the ways of the world, the father became a member of the Carmelite Order many years ago. He is now known to the world as Brother William.

Lengthening shadows and accumulated years have no apparent effect on Brother William. His age has not stolen his interest in all important questions of the day, his acute reasoning powers, or his ability in humorous repartee.

Brother William's two daughters will be with him when he attends the jubilee exercises in honor of his distinguished son. One, Sister Carmella, is a member of the Sisters of Charity in Seton Hall Convent, Greensburg, Pa.; a younger daughter, Mrs. Thomas E. Conlon, lives in Baltimore, Md.