

St. Catherine's Activities

*(St. Catherine of Siena,
Cedar Grove.)*

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Rev. Leonard P. Spanburgh

Three years ago the Rev. Leonard P. Spanburgh came to St. Catherine of Siena Church in Cedar Grove as assistant pastor. Born in Jersey City, he attended schools there, and was graduated from New York University with a Bachelor of Science degree. He attended Darlington Seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in 1959 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark.

Father Spanburgh's first assignment was at St. Joseph of the Palisades in West New York. While serving as assistant pastor there, he was moderator of the choir, Catholic War Veterans, the CYO, and YCS youth groups. He also taught Catholic literature in adult education courses and ran a store for Cuban refugees in need of food and clothing. In addition to these varied activities, he served as moderator of the narcotics anonymous group in Hoboken.

Shortly after his arrival at St. Catherine's, Father Spanburgh organized nine Young Christian Students groups — seven grammar school and two high school groups. He is moderator for the altar boys and he organized CYO basketball teams. Besides his many contributions and work with teenagers, he is also moderator for the Holy Name Society and discussion clubs.