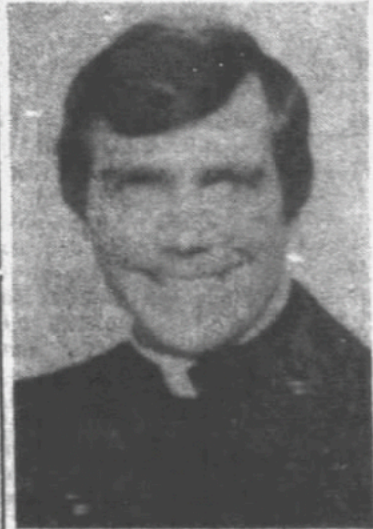


## Father Michael J. O'Brien Appointed Pastor of Mt. Carmel Parish, Lyndhurst



Rev. Michael J. O'Brien

Rev. Michael J. O'Brien, who has been serving as associate pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Garfield for the past six years, has been named pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lyndhurst, by the Archdiocese of Newark. The appointment became effective September 29.

Father O'Brien was born in Kansas City, Missouri. He joined the Scalabrini Fathers after grammar school and upon completing his studies was ordained a priest in Staten Island, New York on April 27, 1963.

His first assignment was at St. Anthony's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, where he served for five years. While in Connecticut, he became acquainted with Archbishop Peter L. Gerety. In 1968 he went to Rome, Italy, for studies and pastoral experience. In 1970 Father O'Brien, who speaks the Italian language fluently, was sent to Thunder Bay, Canada to work with Italian immigrants.

In 1974 he came to the Archdiocese of Newark where he spent one year at St. Anthony's Church in Union City, three years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Jersey City and a short period of time at St. Rose of Lima's Parish in Short Hills before coming to Mount Virgin Parish in 1978 as temporary administrator.

While at Mount Virgin Parish Father Michael was instrumental in the initiation of Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Boy teams, Liturgy Committee, Thanksgiving Day Liturgy, Italian Pre-Cana. He was also director of CCD classes for public school children.

Tonight, October 4, a farewell Mass honoring Father O'Brien will be concelebrated at Mount Virgin Church at 7 p.m. followed by a reception in Mount Virgin Auditorium. Parishioners and friends of his are invited to attend. Present for this special Mass will be Father Michael's parents, Robert and Rose O'Brien, who have travelled from Branson, Missouri for this occasion as well as  
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the Mass installing Father O'Brien as pastor at Mount Carmel Parish to be celebrated by Bishop Robert F. Garner on Monday, October 8 in Lyndhurst.