



REV. RICHARD MATACONIS

Mother's Sodality To Hear Salesian Missionary Speak

The Rev. Richard Mataconis, Salesian Missionary, will give the Night of Recollection for the Blessed Sacrament Blessed Mother's Sodality Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church.

At present Fr. Matconis is with Salesians of Saint John Bosco in New Rochelle as assistant vocation director. He was born May 24, 1930 in Scranton, Pa., and was graduated from St. Anne's Monastery High School. The following year he entered the Armed Services for

four years two of which were spent in Alaska.

Salesian Order

On Feb. 22, 1953 he entered the Salesian Order in Newton, N.J. There, Fr. Mataconis completed his Novitiate and philosophical studies. He received his B.A. and then was sent to Korea for three years. While in Korea, Fr. Mataconis was stationed first at Seoul, the capital, and then in Kwangju, eight hours south of Seoul. There he taught the children English and took charge of many activities on behalf of the youth.

He left Korea in July of 1961 and after a stop at his home, left for Turin, Italy. He completed his last four years of theological studies while there before his ordination to the priesthood. He was ordained on March 6, 1965 at 35 years of age in Turin, Italy. In his capacity as assistant vocational director, Fr. Mataconis travels throughout the United States. In the fall of 1966 he will return to Korea.