

# Priest to Seek Ph.D.

Press Bureau

Oneonta—The Rev. Ferdinand A. Ermlich, an assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in Oneonta, is planning a sabbatical to obtain a doctorate from Syracuse University.

Starting this summer, he is expected to be on leave for some 15 months intensifying his studies toward a doctorate in the humanities.

In addition to his duties at St. Mary's, Father Ermlich also is chaplain to Catholic students at Hartwick College and State University college in Oneonta.

**HIS SABBATICAL** is expected to cover the impending summer session at Syracuse, the 1967-68 academic year, and the summer of 1968.

Father Ermlich, who is



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known as Father Fred in the college community, plans to return to St. Mary's Church here in the fall of 1968.

While on leave, he will be living near Syracuse University, where he already has completed about one third of the course credits required for a doctor of philosophy degree.

Father Ermlich was assigned to St. Mary's Church in September of 1964, replacing the Rev. George A. Phillips.

**FATHER PHILLIPS** was transferred from here to Troy, where he is pastor of the Church of St. Jean Baptiste and continues as director of Newman clubs in the Albany Diocese.

A 1957 graduate of Syracuse University with a bachelor's degree in languages, Father Ermlich also has a master's degree in history from St. Bonaventure University near Olean.

For the last several months, he has been engaged in doctoral studies at Syracuse on a part-time basis.

**FATHER ERMILICH** is the son of Mrs. Lillian Ermlich of Gilboa in nearby Schoharie

County. He is a 1953 graduate of Gilboa Central School.

The Most Rev. Edward J. Maginn, apostolic administrator of the Albany Diocese, is expected to assign another priest to St. Mary's during the absence of Father Ermlich.