

Msgr. Conway, Fr. Casey arrange Irish exchange

A former pastor and an assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church were revealed this week as major contributors to a program to fill posts with Irish priests this summer.

The two are Msgr. Joseph P. Conway, now Vicar General of the Albany Diocese, who left St. Mary's parish within the year, and the Rev. Liam Casey, assistant pastor.

The idea, Diocesan sources have disclosed, is to alleviate the normal summer shortage of priests, created when, like everybody else, priests are entitled to vacations.

Msgr. Conway, aided by Fr. Casey, who had the contacts in Ireland, arranged for the program in which Irish priests, themselves taking a kind of

vacation, can come to America and fill in the gaps.

Currently there are five here from Ireland, and three more are expected to arrive in next week or so. In the meanwhile Fr. Casey has gone home to visit his family in Ireland while Fr. Harry Brady fills in at St. Mary's.

Most of the Irish priests belong to the Holy Ghost Fathers who primarily serve African missions.