



The Rev. Edmund Kollar
Named pastor emeritus



The Rev. Charles Ryan
Comes from Falls Church

St. William of York to install new pastor

The Rev. Charles A. Ryan will be installed as the new pastor of Saint William of York parish in Stafford at the noon Mass Sunday.

Ryan, 64, who has been pastor of St. Philip's Parish in Falls Church since 1981, succeeds the Rev. Edmund V. Kollar, who recently retired and has been appointed pastor emeritus of St. William of York.

The Rev. Leo P. Creamer, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg, will officiate at the installation.

The Rev. Thomas F.A. O'Brien, from Yale University, New Haven, Conn., will be the homilist. A reception will follow in the parish center.

Ryan assumes his duties in the midst of a \$1 million expansion project at the church. Wings are being added to the right and left of the existing 1956 brick church. The seating capacity is being expanded from 300 to more than 700. Eight classrooms are being added to the activity center.

The church, situated beside U.S. 1 on part of a 244-acre tract owned by the diocese, is now located in the fastest growing area in Stafford County.

Ryan, was born in Geneva, N.Y. He attended St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary and St. Bernard's Seminary, both in Rochester, N.Y., and St. Francis Seminary in Loretto, Pa. He was ordained in 1948.

He served as associate pastor of several parishes in the Richmond Diocese including St. Mary's in Fredericksburg from 1948 to 1950, Our Lady of Lourdes in Arlington, Holy Cross in Lynchburg, St. Agnes in Arlington, St. Rose in Hampton, St. Leo the Great in Fairfax and Blessed Sacrament in Norfolk.

Before serving at St. Philip's Parish, Ryan was administrator and pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Martinsville. He was pastor of Holy Comforter in Elkton and Our Lady of the Valley in Luray.

Kollar, 67, a native of Braddock, Pa., retired this month after 40

years in the priesthood, 31 of them in the Arlington/Richmond Dioceses.

He has been pastor at St. William of York for the past 10½ years. The parish has grown under his leadership from a congregation of 150 to 2,100. He began a church and facilities expansion program in 1978.

His assignments, since he was ordained June 11, 1946, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, have included a 10-year assignment as chaplain and instructor at James Barry Robinson School for Boys in Norfolk and several years as a missionary at the Holy Rosary Church at the Choctaw Indian Mission in Mississippi.

He served his first pastorate in the priesthood at St. John the Baptist in Front Royal. Among his other assignments, he was chaplain at Maryview Hospital in Norfolk, director of the Religious Information Center while attached to the Wheeling Diocese, and director of the "Lift Up Mine Eyes" program on WTAR-TV while with Holy Trinity Church in Norfolk.

Kollar plans to join his brother in Florida. He will be attached to the Tampa-St. Petersburg Diocese and expects some priestly assignments.