

Holy Family Parish Gets 2 Assistants

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For the first time in its 77-year history, the Holy Family Church in Columbus will have two assistant pastors, the precedent having been set as result of recent transfers.

The Rev. Fr. Ralph Seikel, 27, assistant pastor of Holy Family Church since March 27 of this year, has been assigned to Augusta, Ga., as assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church and principal of Catholic High School, the Rev. Fr. Herman J. Deimel, pastor, announced. Fr. Seikel will leave Columbus Thursday, Aug. 16.

The two assistant pastors succeeding the Rev. Fr. Seikel are the Rev. Fr. William P. Dowling, assistant pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Savannah, who will arrive Aug. 16, and the Rev. Fr. John W. Franklin, assistant pastor of St. Theresa Church in Auburn, Ala. who arrived last Wednesday. Both are natives of Savannah.

At the time he was assigned to the Holy Family Church as assistant pastor, the Rev. Fr. Seikel was assistant pastor of the Church of the Nativity at Thunderbolt, Ga., near Savannah. He succeeded the Rev. Fr. John Cuddy who was transferred to Savannah Beach.

The Rev. Fr. Cuddy, 29, a native of New Haven, Conn., went to

Savannah with four appointments, each coming from The Bishop's House in Savannah and signed by Auxiliary Bishop Thomas J. McDonough.

The appointments for the Rev. Fr. Seikel, the Rev. Fr. Dowling and the Rev. Fr. Franklin also came from The Bishop's House in Savannah and were signed by Auxiliary Bishop McDonough.

The Rev. Fr. Deimel said this is the first time the Holy Family Church ever has had two assistant pastors in its history.

The Holy Family Church observed its Diamond Jubilee—75th anniversary—with a Solemn Pontifical High Mass, the first field Mass ever held in Columbus, Sunday night, May 14, 1955.

The cornerstone of the Holy Family Church, 12th Street and Fourth Avenue, was laid May 2, 1880.