

Bishop Navagh to Aid Msgr. Gambino Tribute

Children and a bishop will play leading roles Sunday in celebrating the 60 years of priesthood of



Bishop Navagh

the Rt. Rev. Joseph Gambino, PA, Italian-born pastor of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church at Maryland and 7th on Buffalo's West Side.

The bishop will be one of Msgr. Gambino's former assistants in the parish — the Most Rev. James J. Navagh, who last month succeeded Buffalo's new bishop, the Most Rev. James A. McNulty, as bishop of Paterson, N.J.

Children to Stage Drama

Bishop Navagh will preside at the Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving which Msgr. Gambino will celebrate at 10:45 Sunday morning. Assisting Msgr. Gambino will be priests who were ordained from Holy Cross Parish.

Children of Holy Cross School will later present a short play dramatizing their pastor's 60 years in the priesthood. It will begin at 3 Sunday afternoon in Catholic Theater on Niagara St. next to the school.

Msgr. Gambino was born in Turin, Italy, where he studied at the diocesan seminary and was ordained June 3, 1903. He had volunteered for missionary work in Australia but instead, came to the United States in 1907 in answer to a request made to the



Rt. Rev. Joseph Gambino

... 60th anniversary

seminary by the late Bishop Charles H. Colton of Buffalo.

Bishop Colton appointed him to establish the Italian parishes of St. Joseph's in LeRoy and St. Anthony's in Lime Rock, near LeRoy. Later he was assigned to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Buffalo.

Msgr. Gambino founded Holy Cross Parish in August, 1914. The cornerstone was laid April 28, 1915, and the church opened the next fall.

The pastor of Holy Cross became a monsignor in 1924 and was later honored by the title Prothonotary Apostolic.