

New Pastor Welcomed



REV. GEORGE ZIMPFER

PASTOR INSTALLED IN PARISH WHERE HE HAD BEEN ASSISTANT

Returning to the parish where he spent 15 years as an assistant, the Rev. George Zimpfer was installed Monday evening as pastor of SS. Peter & Paul Church, Williamsville. A large congregation welcomed the brisk, youthful-appearing priest, who for the past 4½ years has been pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Bowmansville.

"I am happy to be back among my Williamsville friends but somewhat awed by the responsibility of heading a parish of this size and by the tasks that lie ahead," Father Zimpfer said.

Father Zimpfer was pastoral assistant to the late Rev. Walter F. Fornes from January 1926 to February 1941. During his service in the Williamsville parish, now 109 years old, Father Zimpfer wrote a detailed history of the church after considerable research. The parish was founded by the Ven. John Neumann, who later became bishop of Philadelphia.

The Rt. Rev. John A. Weismantel, pastor of St. Francis Church, Tonawanda, was in charge of the installation. He was assisted by the Rev. Charles Kraehn, the Rev. Daniel McAlister, the Rev. B. Bodura and the Rev. Clarence F. Ott, who has been administrator of the parish.

The Rev. Russell Liptak, Father Zimpfer's assistant, will arrive Saturday. Mrs. Catherine Zimpfer, 78-year-old mother of the new Williamsville pastor, will reside with him in the Main St. rectory. With her at the installation were another son, Edward L. Zimpfer, and a daughter, Mrs. Herbert Gareis.