

Given New Post



Rev. Joseph M. McPherson, youth director of the diocese for the past three years, has been appointed superintendent of Our Lady of Victory Institutions of Charity.

Father McPherson Heads Our Lady of Victory Charities

**Placed in Charge of
Institutions Founded
By Late Father Baker**

The appointment of Rev. Joseph M. McPherson as superintendent and general manager of Our Lady of Victory Institutions of Charity in Lackawanna was announced this week by Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., D.D., Bishop of Buffalo.

Father McPherson will relinquish his duties as diocesan youth director, a post he has held for the past three years. No successor to him has yet been named.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph E. Maguire, who has had charge of Father Baker's institutions since the famous Padre of the Poor died in 1936, will devote all his time to Our Lady of Victory Basilica of which he is the pastor. The necessity of dividing the increasingly greater amount of work has been evident for some time. The basilica is internationally famous and is the center of many pilgrimages.

Studied at Louvain

Father McPherson is a native of Buffalo and attended Nativity School. A member of the first graduating class of the Little Seminary in 1930 he studied four years in the American College of Louvain University, Belgium, and then completed his studies for the priesthood at Christ the King Seminary, St. Bonaventure College.

He was ordained by the late Bishop Turner on June 6, 1936, in St. Joseph's Cathedral. His first assignment was to Our Lady of Victory Basilica as assistant to Father Baker, whose work he will now continue. Father Baker died in July, 1936.

Later Father McPherson served as an assistant in St. Paul's, Kenmore and at St. Bartholomew's, Buffalo, before being appointed diocesan youth director in 1946.