

Priest From Harborcreek To Go to Brazil Mission

The Rev. Patrick G. Sheridan, C.S.S.R., son of Mrs. Freda Sheridan of Harborcreek, and member of St. Gregory's parish, North East, was among 17 young Redemptorist priests who were honored at missionary departure ceremonies in St. Mary's church, Annapolis, Md., Feb. 5.

Father Sheridan and five confreres have been assigned to the missions in Matto Grasso, Brazil. He will depart from New York city on March 8. Until then he is visiting with his mother in Harborcreek. Another of the five Sheridan sons, Thomas, is now completing his last term at St. Mary's Redemptorist college, North East.

Redemptorist Father Richard Wagner, whose home parish is Sacred Heart, Erie, is at present at home on leave, but in April will rejoin the Brazil mission group.

In the Annapolis ceremonies the 17 seminarians consecrated their lives to the most abandoned souls in the mission fields of Brazil, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. For the past six months they had been completing their "second novitiate," preparing themselves by study and prayer for their new assignments.

As they knelt before the Very Rev. John Sephton, C.S.S.R., one-time rector of St. Mary's college, North East, and now provincial of the Redemptorist Baltimore province, and the Very Rev. Joseph Driscoll, Vice Provincial of Richmond, the 17 young men consecrated themselves to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in their work. The

Rev. William Gaudreal, consultant to the Provincial and former missionary in Brazil, preached the sermon. Each of the missionaries was given a mission crucifix.

Father Sheridan was ordained at Mt. St. Alphonsus' seminary chapel, Esopus, N. Y., on June 19, 1949, by Cardinal Francis Spellman. He sang his First Solemn Mass the next Sunday in St. Gregory's church, North East, the first event of its kind in the parish since



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it was founded in 1872. His early training as a Redemptorist was at St. Mary's college, North East.

Among Father Sheridan's missionary confreres are Fathers Arthur Wyatt, William Collins, and Lawrence Buckley of Boston; Edwin Foley, Lawrence Murphy, Hugh Corrigan, and John Farrell of Brooklyn; Edward Jackson, Philadelphia; Joseph Sims, Tauton, Mass.; John Creaven, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; John Cronin, South Baintree, Mass.; Vincent Crotty, Sayre, Pa.; William O'Hearn and Edward Dunne of New York; James Filey, Somerville, Mass.; and William Hayden, Annapolis.