

PARISH WILL HONOR MSGR. WALKER 25TH ANNIVERSARY

FREDONIA, June 2 — Members of St. Joseph's Parish will honor their pastor, the Very Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Walker, VF, at a reception June 11 from 3 to 5 PM. A solemn high Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated at 10:30 o'clock the same day.

Monsignor Walker, a native of Buffalo, was ordained June 6, 1936. His brother, the Rev. Francis J. Walker, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Barker, was ordained the same day.

Msgr. Walker served as assistant pastor at Annunciation Church, Immaculate Conception Church, St. Nicholas' Church and St. Mark's Church, Buffalo. He was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church here on Dec. 16, 1953 by Bishop Burke.

He was appointed a papal chamberlain June 5, 1959, by His Holiness Pope John XXIII and invested by Bishop Burke Dec. 13, 1959, with the title of very reverend monsignor. On Aug. 29, 1960, he was appointed dean of the Catholic clergy of Northern Chautauqua County.

He is the Faithful Friar of the Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus, of Dunkirk, moderator of the Chautauqua County Council of Catholic Men, vocational director of the Deanery, moderator of the Dunkirk-Fredonia First Friday Club, chaplain to the Newman Club for Catholic students at the State University College of Education at Fredonia and priest-director of the Catholic Charities Appeal in the county.