



REV. ADOLPH SZELAGOWSKI

Priest Leaves For Baltimore

Father Szelagowski
Was at St. Hedwig

The Rev. Adolph Szelagowski, O.F.M. Conv., who served as assistant pastor at St. Hedwig Church for the last five months, left Sunday for Baltimore to assume similar duties at St. Casimir Church. He received his transfer notice last week while spending a brief vacation visiting his father in Buffalo, N. Y., his native city.

Father Szelagowski came to New Bedford last July from South Boston, where he served nine months at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. He succeeded the Rev. Raphael Lopacienski, O.F.M. Conv., at St. Hedwig Church here, while Father Lopacienski took his place at the South Boston Church.

Before his assignment at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Father Szelagowski was an instructor of language and social science at St. Francis High School, Athol Springs, N. Y., for 14 years. He also was organist at all Masses celebrated in the school chapel and for the Rosary Hour, one of the largest and oldest Polish and foreign language radio programs in the United States and Canada, conducted at the time by the late Rev. Justin M. Figas, O.F.M. Conv.

Before entering the priesthood, Father Szelagowski, upon graduating from high school, played the organ for Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians, and also directed the band's choral group and orchestra road and radio shows for 3½ years.

While serving at St. Hedwig, Father Szelagowski increased the ranks of the church choir and directed it in singing a Latin Mass during the High Mass on the day of the dedication of the new church, Nov. 12, when the Most Rev. James L. Connolly, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, presided. The choir's singing of the Mass received much praise.

Replacing Father Szelagowski will be the Rev. Michael Peszko, O.F.M. Conv., who comes here from the Baltimore parish.