

# Marks 30 Years In Priesthood

Rev. Joseph J. Vogel, pastor of Queen of Heaven Church in West Seneca, will observe the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass of Thanksgiving this Saturday, May 25.

Father Vogel was ordained at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington, O., where he studied for 12 years, starting in first year high school.

He was first assigned to St. Francis Xavier Church in Black Rock. He also established one of the first Confraternity of Christian Doctrine groups for the religious instruction of Catholic children in public school and also re-organized the Boy Scout Troop.

After six years at St. Francis, he was assigned as an assistant pastor at St. Joseph's parish in Buffalo where he re-organized the Boy Scouts.

In November, 1942, he volunteered for chaplain's duties in the U.S. Army.

He went through four campaigns in the Aleutians, in the Marshall Islands, in Leyte, and in Okinawa; his battalion being the first to land. He took care of over 500 casualties for three days and nights continuously on Okinawa.

After Okinawa, the 7th Division was assigned to occupy Korea.

Upon his return, Father Vogel was assigned as an assistant pastor at Ascension Church, in North Tonawanda. Three months later, he was assigned as pastor of St. Mary's Church in Strykersville, where he repaired the buildings at a cost of \$30,000, within five years. Then he was assigned as pastor of Annunciation Church, Elma, where he began the construction of a new school. Before it was completed, he was assigned to form a new parish,



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Queen of Heaven, in West Seneca, beginning with 1,000 families. It is now a \$1,000,000 installation. Recently, he was made a Major in the Regiment of the Knights of St. John, of Buffalo.

For 13 years Father Vogel directed a Golf Tournament for the Catholic Clergy of the Buffalo Diocese. Since 1946, he has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Clerical Mutual Benefit Society of the Diocese of Buffalo.