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Father Crowley To Be Monsignor

ATWATER — A special papal honor will be conferred on Rev. Fred P. Crowley, pastor of St. Anthonys Catholic Church in Atwater, Feb. 14. The title of right reverend monsignor will be officially conferred by Bishop Timothy Manning of Fresno.

Announcement was recently made by Bishop Manning that Pope Paul VI had appointed Father Crowley as an honorary member of the papal household. This distinction was granted in recognition of outstanding service and dedication in pastoral and charitable work over a career which has spanned several decades.

Ordained a priest in 1934, in Los Angeles, Father Crowley has served the people of the Monterey-Fresno (now Fresno) Diocese since that time with most of his assignments located in the Central Valley. Bishop Manning will preside at the investiture in St. Anthonys Church at 5:30 p.m. A large gathering of friends and former associates of Monsignor Crowley is expected to attend the ceremony, together with members of the local parish. Also expected at the investiture are Bishop Harry Clinch of Monterey, and Bishop Thomas Gorman of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Msgr. Crowley was born in Kilarney, Ireland on Nov. 23, 1898. His father was a professor in a local college and the family came to the U.S. when he was a child. He received elementary and high school training in Worcester, Mass. He attended St. Benedicts College, Aschison, Kansas, and studied philosopy at St. Patricks Seminary, Menlo Park, Calif., where a classmate was Bishop Manning. Study was continued in theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md. In addition Msgr. Crowley took advanced studies at the Pius I School of Liturgical Music in New York City.

Msgr. Crowley is one of a family of eight children who have made distringuished contributions in both church and civic affairs. A brother, the Very Rev. Msgr. John Crowley was the first chancellor of the Monterey-Fresno Diocese and was active in conservation efforts in the Mono-Inyo area. Killed in an auto accident in 1940, Crowley Lake in the eartern Sierra along Highway 395 is named in his honor. Another brother, Francis Crowley, PhD, is a former dean of the school of education at Fordham university. Three



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sisters also serve in the religious life; Sister Mary Petra, administrator of St. Johns Hospital at Oxnard,; Sister Mary Josephine, St. Elizabeth's Day Nurser, San Jose, and Sister Mary Paula, Notre Dame Hospital, San Francisco. A third brother, Rev. George T. Crowley, S.J., stationed at Sacred Heart Novitiate at Los Gatos, has visited Atwater frequently and assisted in pastoral work here. Msgr. Crowley has another sister Mrs. Norah Hanse, who resides in Temple City.

During the course of his career, Msgr. Crowley has served various pastorates in Reno, San Luis Obispo, Bakersfield, Hollister, Lone Pine, Corcoran and since March 1967 in Atwater.

An avid sports enthusiast, he has had lifelong interest in popular pastimes such as baseball, football and basketball. An additional special hobby is a fondness for travel.

Following the investiture, a reception and dinner will be held in St. Anthony's Parish Center starting at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available on a first-come first-served basis to members of the parish and local community. Co-chairmen of this function are Joseph M. Trindade Jr. and A. E. Yasitis. Donation for tickets is $12.50 per person and tickets may be secured from Fr. Paul Devine at St. Anthonys, or at Witt Insurance Agency, Passadori's, or Mac Donald Pharmacy, or from Maj. Dick Haskett, ticket chairman.