Father Gauthreaux named Monsignor. . . Papal honor

The Very Reverend Lawrence Earl Gauthreaux, pastor of St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, Metairie, and son of Mr. and Mrs. P.E. Gauthreaux Sr. of Plaquemine, is one of four priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans who have been awarded papal honors with the title of Monsignor. Three of the priests were named Honorary Prelates and one as Papal Chamberlain of the household of Pope Paul VI.

Named Honorary Prelates, along with Monsignor Gauthreaux, were Msgr. Earl C. Woods, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, and Msgr. Clinton J. Doskey, pastor of St. Leo the Great Church, New Orleans, and Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese. Msgr. Lanaux J. Rareshide was named a Papal Chamberlain.

Msgr. Gauthreaux is presently serving as Officialis (Judge) of the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He holds a baccalaureate and a licentiate in Canon Law from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of St. John Elementary and High Schools, St. Joseph's Seminary, New Orleans. Ordained in 1956, Msgr. Gauthreaux served as an assistant pastor in parishes in Houma, New Orleans and Metairie before he was named pastor of St. Maria Goretti Church in 1968. He also held a number of posts with the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of New Orleans before being named Officialis of the Tribunal.

Commenting on Msgr. Gauthreaux's honor, the Most Rev. Philip M. Hanna, Archbishop of New Orleans said: "Msgr. Gauthreaux has discharged with efficiency and priestly devotion, his duties as Officialis of the Tribunal of the Archdiocese, as well as his duties as pastor of St. Maria Goretti Parish. He has been associated with the Tribunal for many years, faithfully serving in several capacities before being named the Officialis. In addition, he has been a devoted assistant pastor before being named pastor of a rapidly developing parish which is now completing construction of a new church and rectory."

The Archbishop also said: "I am delighted that the Holy See has so signally honored these four priests. All have served in their posts with outstanding devotion and loyalty to the cause of Christ."

Msgr. Gauthreaux is the brother of Mrs. Ralph Comeaux, P.E. (Toby) Gauthreaux, J. A. Gauthreaux, all of Plaquemine, and Leonard Gauthreaux of Addis.



NEW MONSIGNOR WITH BISHOP . . .

The Very Rev. Earl Gauthreaux (at right above) attended the funeral services for Father Alcide Clement at St. John's Church last Saturday and is shown above with Auxiliary Bishop Abel Caillouet of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This week the Archbishop of New Orleans, the Most Reverend Philip M. Hannan, announced that the Holy See had conferred the title of Monsignor on Father Gauthreaux, making him an honorary prelate of the household of Pope Paul VI. Msgr. Gauthreaux is pastor of St. Maria Goretti Church in Metairie, and is Officialis (presiding judge) of the Tribunal for the Archdiocese.

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