Rev. George Koychick Observes 25 Years In The Priesthood

A silver jubilee celebration for the Rev. George J. Koychick, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, will be held Sunday to mark the occasion of his 25 years in the priesthood. A concelebrated jubilee Mass will be offered at 4:30 p.m. in the church followed by dinner and a reception in the Colonial Room of the Yorktowne Motor Inn.

Father Koychick was ordained as a Catholic priest April 2, 1949 in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Harrisburg, by Bishop George L. Leech. Born and raised in Steelton, he attended Bishop McDevitt High School (formerly Harrisburg Catholic High) and graduated in 1940. He was class valedictorian. That same year he entered St. Charles Borromeo Seminary at Overbrook, Pennsylvania.

Pastor of St. Patrick's since November, 1967, he previously served in York from 1953 to 1957 as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Father Koychick is the son of Mrs. Julia Koychick of Steelton and the late George Koychick.

Following his ordination he was assigned as assistant pastor of Annunciation BVM Church in McSherrystown. Similar assignments were made at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Harrisburg; Our Lady's Church, Mt. Carmel; and Assumption BVM Church, Lebanon. He was also Catholic Chaplain at the State Correctional Institution at Camp Hill.

Father Koychick's first pastoral assignment was Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Williamstown. He served there from 1962 until 1967 prior to coming to St. Patrick's in York.



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