

'Church A Challenge' Says Priest



The Rev. Joseph A. Drozowski

By ELIZABETH WISSMANN Staff Writer

The pastor of the new Catholic parish of St. Clare of Assisi (10 Mile east of Middlebelt), the Rev. Joseph A. Drozowski, received word of his transfer to the new church from Mt. Clemens while he was hospitalized.

HE WAS laid up with a knee injury suffered in a barrel race at a parish picnic.

Although a very human man, Fr. Drozowski is not awed by the responsibility of a new parish.

He calls it "a tremendous challenge and great opportunity to help the people to know and love God and one another."

"It is an awesome responsibility, but again the whole purpose of being a priest is to help others — make personal salvation come through the service of others."

With ground broken last Sunday for his new church, St. Clare will undergo towards its completion date of Dec. 20.

Through July 30, a door-to-door census is being taken throughout the parish for information regarding the spiritual status of the residents. The price of the census is

Sister Marie Gerald, of the Mercy Provincialists, was asked at the ground breaking what the outcome of the census would be.

Sister said, "That father will have much to do."

With his seminary assistant Thomas Krawiec, the priest already is conducting two Sunday masses at 8 and 11 a.m. They had been held in East Junior High but have already moved to that location. Beginning today they will be held in Mercy High School.

St. Clare's pastor had two very definite family traits to follow in choosing a life work. He has a brother who is an orthopedic surgeon and two sisters who are nurses. On the religious side, he has an uncle who is a priest and three cousins who are Dominicans.

In recent years, Fr. Drozowski has studied pastoral counseling at the University of Detroit and is now associated with the priest's counseling program at the Family Life Bureau and the Rhythm Clinic of the archdiocese.

He is aware that his studies in counseling are of great importance in his work as parish priest.

He says, "The priest today (since the Vatican Council) is much more aware of the community and the need of fostering 'community spirit.' As to how this can best be done, Fr. Drozowski answers, "Simply by bringing about involvement of the parishioner in all aspects of parish life — worship or prayer — play — work on behalf of the members of the community regardless of color or creed."

His unique role as the parish priest responsible for the spiritual destiny of many Catholics he feels is dependent on the faith of these Catholics.

"Catholics," he explains, "look on the priest as their mediator with God, the person through whom God comes into their lives."

The Mt. Clemens parish called the father "a zealous and highly motivated priest whose zeal knew no bounds."

In founding a new parish, these qualities will come into full use by Fr. Drozowski.

HE MAY have some interest in things medical because he became a member of the Catholic Institutional Chaplains while serving in Mt. Clemens. His background covers 18 years as an assistant pastor in six Detroit parishes. He attended Sacred Heart Seminary and the Catholic University, Washington D.C. In 1946, he was awarded a licentiate in sacred theology.

Archdiocese Buys Site In Township

The Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit has just completed purchase of a 12-acre site at the southeast corner of Drake and 11 Mile Rds., from Thompson-Brown Co. Cost of the parcel was not announced.

According to the Rev. Patrick Cooney, assistant chancellor, no decision will be made about setting up a parish at the new location until next June.

The decision will be based on the number of Catholic families in the new area and the number of priests available to staff the parish.

The new parish, when set up, will be another subdivision of Our Lady of Sorrows parish. It will mark the eighth split

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Israel Discussed By Rabbi E. J. Conrad

Rabbi Ernst J. Conrad returned to his pulpit at the New Temple July 14 and spoke on "Little Israel and Big Power Politics."

On July 21, his talk will be on "Bible Prophecies: Then and Now."

New Temple services are held regularly during the summer at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine and Woodward, at 8:30 p.m., Friday evenings. The public is

invited to attend.

A festive kick-off to the coming season's activities is the New Temple's First Annual Festival. The day is scheduled for the Middle Straits Association Clubhouse, on Green Lake Road, Sunday, Sept. 17. There will be numerous activities for young and old and the main door prize will be a six-day trip to New York City, all expenses paid.

Planning parties for the Temple members and friends are to be held throughout the summer. The first is planned for the Martin Kabcenella, Saturday, July 29, and will consist of a swim and concert. Those interested in joining the fun please call the Temple office at 4035 Telegraph Rd., Bloomfield Hills, for further details.

WALTER E. GINGELL of 32157 Lone Lane Rd. has been named as **Cery Jameson's** District Representative for the Detroit Metropolitan Area. Cery Jameson is a furniture and designer of office furniture and related accessories. Gingell is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He and his wife, Barbara have six children.

Church Text

"Thou art the God of my strength; . . . O said out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me onto the holy hill, and to thy tabernacles."

These verses from Psalms are the Golden Text of the Bible lesson on "Truth" to be read in all Christian Science churches this Sunday.

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