



TO BE ORDAINED — Bishop R. O. Gerow will ordain the Rev. John Matthew Scanlon (above) to the sacred priesthood Saturday, 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic church, Jackson. No invitations are being issued and friends of the Rev. Scanlon are invited. The Rev. Scanlon is the son of Mrs. Melanie Hart Scanlon, Jackson, and the late William J. Scanlon. He attended St. Joseph's academy here, and finished at Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans.

Ordain Rev. Scanlon Here On Saturday

Bishop Gerow To Preside At St. Mary's

The Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez, will ordain the Rev. John M. Scanlon to the sacred priesthood for the Diocese of Natchez, Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in St. Mary's church, his home parish, where he will say his first mass at 7 a.m. the following day.

Rev. Scanlon was born in Shreveport, Nov. 6, 1925, and was baptized Nov. 22nd, in St. John's Parish in that city. He is the son of Mrs. William Scanlon, a native Jacksonian, and William James Scanlon, who died in Dec. of 1935.

Rev. Scanlon received his early training in St. Joseph's school in St. Peter's parish from 1931 to 1945. He studied at St. Joseph's seminary from 1943 to 1945, entering Notre Dame seminary in New Orleans, in 1946.

Mrs. William Scanlon, mother of Rev. Scanlon, was Melanie Hart, daughter of Phillip Hart, a native of Jackson. She received her schooling in Natchez and Mobile convents. Phillip Hart, grandfather, and his twin brother John Hart, both fought with the Confederacy during the Civil War. The mother of Mrs. Scanlon was Mamie McArdle of an old Jackson family.

Five brothers and two sisters will attend the ordination ceremony. One brother and sister will arrive from New York City; one brother will come from Puerto Rico (Ramey Air Base); one brother from the Marine base at El Terro, Cal.; two brothers who reside in Jackson, and one brother, a student from the University of Mississippi.

St. Mary's parish is to be the scene of the second ordination ceremony ever to be held in Jackson. The first was held at St. Peter's church, when Rev. Walter Maloney was ordained.

Father Scanlon has invited the clergy, religious, and laity through the medium of the press to witness his ordination at St. Mary's.

A luncheon will be served to the clergy and the family of Rev. Scanlon, by the St. Mary's Altar Society following the ordination ceremony.

A reception will be given by the parish for the newly ordained priest, to which the public is invited to meet Father Scanlon, Sunday afternoon, from 3 to 5 p.m., at St. Mary's auditorium off Claiborne avenue in West Jackson.