

Catholic priests trade pastorates

CASPER — The Rev. James Power, pastor of St. Patrick's here, is being transferred to Torrington effective June 28.

He will exchange pastoral assignments with the Rev. Thomas Cleary, pastor of St. Rose's, Torrington.

Two other priests, the Rev. John Flannigan, S. J., Rock Springs, and the Rev. Frank Mahler, Casper, also received new appointments, according to the Most Rev. Hubert M. Newell, bishop of the Cheyenne diocese.

Father Flannigan will become assistant pastor at St. Patrick parish, Casper, and Father Mahler will be assistant at St. Laurence O'Toole parish, Laramie.

Father Power is the founding pastor of St. Patrick's, which marked its tenth anniversary on St. Patrick's day this year. He is a native of County Waterford, Ireland, and came to Cheyenne in 1939. He served parishes in Sheridan and Rock Springs before becoming pastor of St. Thomas parish, Monarch, in 1942. Two years later he became pastor at Gillette and in 1954, Buffalo.

Father Cleary is a native of County Wexford, Ireland. He was ordained in Wexford in 1940. He came to the U. S. in 1944. He was a priest at St. Joseph, Rawlins, in Sheridan and in Casper and in 1949 became administrator of St. Margaret parish, Riverton. In 1949 he became pastor at Lander and remained there until 1959, when he assumed the pastorate of the parish at Green River. In 1966 he was appointed pastor at St. Rose parish, Torrington.

Father Flannigan was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to the U. S. as a youth to enter the Society of Jesus. He studied at St. Louis University, and was



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ordained in 1943. In 1961 he was appointed superior of St. Stephen's Indian Mission near Riverton until 1967. In 1971 he worked in the Diocese of Cheyenne, and was appointed assistant at Our Lady of Sorrows parish, Rock Springs.

Father Mahler, the new assistant pastor at St. Laurence O'Toole parish, Laramie, is on loan to Wyoming from the Diocese of Richmond, Va. He is a native of Amityville, N. Y. He came to Wyoming last summer. Since then, he has served at St. Patrick's, Casper.