

New Assistant Pastor Named at St. Joseph

The Rev. Patrick J. Cotter, who was born and reared in County Cork, Ireland, has assumed duties as an assistant pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church here.

He succeeds the Rev. Joseph Cokus, who is now at St. Pius X High School, Downey, in a teaching position formerly occupied by Father Cotter, who taught religion, Latin and history at Pius X for three years.

In addition to parish work here, Father Cotter is teaching three classes in religion at Pomona Girls' Catholic High School.

A native of Doneraile, Cork, Father Cotter began his study for the priesthood at National University of Ireland, Maynooth, and earned a degree in philosophy before beginning the study of theology, also at Maynooth.

He came to America after two years of theology study and completed his course, two more years, at Los Angeles archdiocesan seminary, St. John's in Camarillo. He was ordained in 1957 by James Francis Cardinal McIntyre in the chapel at Loyola University, Los Angeles.

Father Cotter was assigned



REV. PATRICK J. COTTER

to St. Gregory's parish, Los Angeles, before he taught at Pius X.

He comes from a family of nine children. Two of his sisters are nuns, members of the Holy Infant of Jesus society, and teach in San Francisco. His other sisters, brothers and parents live in County Cork.