

Rev. Cook to Become Monsignor At Thanksgiving Mass Sunday

During a mass of thanksgiving at noon Sunday, the Rev. Ozias Bailey Cook, VF, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel church, will be invested with his new office as "right reverend monsignor."

Bishop John J. Ward, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, will be celebrant. Choristers from the Immaculate Heart novitiate will sing during the mass.

Families of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, local priests and friends throughout the community, will assist at the mass. Neighboring ministers have been invited, as have city and county officials.

After the service, Monsignor Cook will greet his friends at a public reception in the parish auditorium.

Elevation of the local pastor to the rank of domestic prelate originated in Rome in docu-

ments signed by Pope Paul VI. In 1964 he was named vicar forane, dean of Catholic clergy in Santa Barbara county.

ORDAINED IN 1933

Father Cook, a native Californian, was ordained June 10, 1933, in Saint Vibiana's Cathedral, Los Angeles, by Bishop John J. Cantwell.

In 1940 he went into the service as a navy chaplain and was aboard the USS Saratoga during most of World War II. He took part in seven major battles, surviving two torpedoings of the giant carrier. He returned to the Alameda Naval base in 1943, and the following year was assigned to chaplain duty with the marine corps, serving with the occupation troops in Japan and other Pacific bases.

Treasured mementos of wartime service are a presidential

unit citation, awarded aboard the Saratoga, a presidential unit citation, second marine division, and U.S. navy miniature wings (honorary).

Father Cook was released from active service in 1947 with the rank of full commander. Appointed first pastor of Our Lady of Fatima church in San Clemente, he built Saint Edward's Mission church in Capistrano Beach. He became pastor of La Purisima church in Lompoc and, in 1951, transferred to the Montecito parish.

CIVIC GROUPS

Locally, Monsignor Cook is chaplain of the Young Ladies Institute and of the Knights of Columbus. He is a board member of the Montecito branch of the YMCA and a board member and vice president of the University Religious Conference.