

Chancellor, Vicar Two Appointments Made by Bishop

The Rev. Thomas E. Reidy, who has been vice chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Springfield - Cape Girardeau, has been appointed chancellor by Bishop Bernard F. Law.

He succeeds the Rev. Joseph E. Gosche, who is now filling a pastoral assignment in Dexter, after serving in Springfield for 15 years.

In another appointment by the bishop, the Rev. Philip Bucher, who has been director of religious education, has been named diocesan vicar for pastoral planning and renewal, a new post.

Father Reidy, who has been a resident here since 1967, will continue to serve as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Springfield, and Father Bucher will remain pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Church at Ozark.

The new chancellor is a native of Chicago, where his mother, Mrs. Timothy Reidy, still lives. His father is deceased. Father Reidy attended Catholic grade and high schools in Chicago. After attending the University of Chicago for a year he enrolled in St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree. He spent four years in theological studies at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Conception, Mo.

Father Reidy was ordained to the priesthood in St. Raymond Cathedral, Joliet, Ill., by Bishop Romeo Blanchette on May 27, 1967, for service in the Springfield - Cape Girardeau diocese.

His first assignment was at St. Agnes Cathedral Parish and while associate pastor there for three years he also served as principal of St. Agnes Grade School. He later was assistant director of the Sacred Heart House of Studies.

In February of 1972 Father Reidy was appointed vice chancellor of the diocese. Prior to his appointment to Sacred Heart Parish last March he was pastor of St. William's in Buffalo for a year and a half. He also has been serving as chaplain to the Carmelite Sisters at St. Anne's Monastery on Republic Road and will continue to do so.

Active in civic organizations, Father Reidy is coordinator of Volunteers in Youth Services, is on the board of directors of the Springfield Boys Club and is a member of the Exchange Club.

He also is a member of the Springfield Ministerial Alliance, acting as program director last year, and has served on committees of the Springfield Area Council of Churches.

A native of New Hamburg, Mo., where he spent his boyhood, Father Bucher attended St. Louis Preparatory Seminary, now Cardinal Glennon College, in St. Louis. After completing his theological studies at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis, he was ordained to the priesthood on March 18, 1961, in his home parish church, St. Lawrence in New Hamburg, by Bishop Charles H. Helmsing, now head of the

Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph.

Father Bucher's parish assignments have been in



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Leopold, at Immaculate Conception here and in Chaffee. For a time he was instructor at Notre Dame Regional High School in Cape Girardeau.

After a year's graduate study in the field of religious education in Detroit, Father Bucher received his appointment as diocesan director of religious education in 1969.

The chancery and other diocesan offices are in the Landers Building.