

Silver Jubilee Slated For Catholic Pastor

The Rev. Raymond J. Tepe, pastor of St. Catherine Laboure parish, will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood with a solemn mass of thanksgiving, May 30 at 11 a.m.

The mass will be followed by an informal reception lasting until 4 p.m. to which all parishioners and friends are invited. Rev. Tepe was born April 1906 in Quincy, Ill., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tepe. He came to Los Angeles with his parents at the age of three, attended the eight grades at Holy Cross School in Los Angeles and began priestly studies at St. Patricks Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif.

In 1920 he spent one year at St. Josephs college, Mountain View, Calif.

He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Vibiana's Cathedral, by Archbishop Cantwell in May, 1931. His assistant pastorships have included St. Monica's, Santa Monica; St. Ambrose, Hollywood; St. Marys, Fullerton; St. Elizabeth's, Altadena; Mary Star of the Sea, San Pedro and St. Frances, Azusa.

He served as chaplain at the Home for the Aged and was appointed pastor of La Purisima church in Lompoc, coming to St. Catherine Laboure of North Torrance in July, 1949.

In the seven years Rev. Tepe has served as pastor of St. Catherine Laboure, the parish has grown from 350 families to 2200 families. A school was built and now has an enrollment of 540 students, a convent adequate for 11 nuns has been added and a new \$300,000 church is now under construction, to be completed before the end of the year.



SEVEN YEARS AT—St. Catherine Laboure Church, and 25 years in the priesthood for Rev. Raymond J. Tepe, pastor, will be celebrated May 30 with a solemn mass of thanksgiving.