

New Priest Is Ordained

Rev. Marti Gene Zuber, a former deacon at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, McAllen, was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Brownsville Saturday, June 26,

by Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick in Fr. Zuber's home parish, St. Joseph's in Olney, Ill. and his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Zuber.

The ordination was attended by friends and family, including Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zuber, Fr. Zuber's brother and sisters, Mrs. Teresa Hartrich, Mrs. Peggy Miller, Herman Zuber, Becky Zuber, Mary Carol Zuber



REV. MARTI GENE ZUBER

Born in Olney May 11, 1950, the son of Herman and Estella Zuber, Fr. Zuber attended high school at Pontifical Josephinum in Worthington, Ohio.

Majoring in Latin American Studies, he graduated from Pontifical College Josephinum in Worthington in May, 1972. While studying for the priesthood in his college years, Fr. Zuber became interested in ministering to Spanish-speaking peoples. He worked for the summer in 1969 and 1970 in missions in Guatemala.

In 1972 one of his classmates told him about the large numbers of Mexican-Americans in the Diocese of Brownsville and the serious shortage of priests here in the Valley. His work with migrants from the Valley during the summer of 1972 also interested Fr. Zuber in the people of this area.

After talking with Fr. Ronald Anderson, vocations director of the Diocese of Brownsville, Fr. Zuber decided to continue his studies for the priesthood with

the intention of serving in the Valley.

In 1974, Fr. Zuber attended the Mexican-American Cultural Center in San Antonio, receiving instruction in the special pastoral needs of Mexican-Americans.

After his ordination as a deacon in May, 1975, Fr. Zuber entered the Deacon Intern Program and served as a deacon at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in McAllen under the supervision of Fr. Robert Sweeney from August, 1975, through December, 1975.

He graduated from St. John's Seminary in Collegeville, Minn., in May with a degree in Theology.

Fr. Zuber will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Joseph the Worker Church in McAllen Sunday, Aug. 1, at 11 a.m.