

Gallagher Fires Police Chaplain

The Rev. Laurence Lynch, an Indianapolis Police Department chaplain, was fired yesterday by Police Chief Eugene Gallagher.

The reason for the firing was not announced.

Gallagher said he discussed the situation with the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis and with Father Lynch and each knows the reason for the dismissal.

Gallagher would not elaborate on the firing.

Father Lynch, a chaplain with the department more than six years, was an honorary police captain.

"I asked him to resign and he re-

**To Be
Reassigned**

—Rev. Lynch



fused, so I dismissed him," the police chief said. "I hope that's the most difficult thing I have to do as police chief."

Father Lynch could not be reached for comment.

Mayor William Hudnut said if the chief thinks his reasons for the firing are valid, "I will support him."

Gallagher said he asked the archdiocese for another chaplain to replace Father Lynch but was told none is available. The priest will be reassigned.

Police chaplains serve as counselors to policemen having religious or marital problems and also notify relatives of deaths.