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Columban Going to Mountain Grove Parish

## Fr. Bresnahan Leaving St. Joe, Fr. Ready Is Transferred Here

The Rev. William Bresnahan, who has been pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church for the last 5½ years, will leave Springfield at the end of this week and late in the summer will assume the duties of Prior at a new minor seminary of the Benedictine Order at Elkhorn, Neb., near Omaha.

Succeeding him here is the Rev. Robert Ready, who has served the Mountain Grove parish and several area missions for the last 12½ years. The Rev. Ready, who was assistant for three years at St. Joseph before going to Mountain Grove, moved into the rectory this weekend.

The new seminary being established at Mt. Michael Monastery at Elkhorn will be at the preparatory level and will include the transfer and enlargement of the high school division at Conception Seminary in northwest Missouri, the Rev. Bresnahan said.

As Prior he will have charge of the monastery as religious superior. During the summer he will conduct two retreats in Minnesota and five in O'Fallon, Mo., near St. Louis.

Taking over the Rev. Ready's duties will be the Rev. Columban Steffes, O.S.B., who has been assistant at St. Joseph Church here since June, 1954. He will be pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Mountain Grove.

The Rev. Steffes has been particularly active in Boy Scout activities here and served as sponsor of Troop 11 at the St. Joseph parish. The troop is engaged in building a Scout camp cabin on the

James River off Campbell Street Road.

Father Bresnahan took his studies at Conception Seminary and at Saith Anselms Benedictine University at Rome.

Before coming here as pastor at St. Joseph in October, 1950, he served as pastor of the Abbey Basilica at Conception. Immediately before that he was assistant at St. Joseph parish for three years. Nineteen years ago he taught at the minor seminary at Conception, then had a term of three years, 1939-41 as pastor of a Mexican parish in Lower California.

At that time he returned to Conception Abbey as procurator, similar to business manager.

Father Ready, a graduate of Christian Brothers High School in St. Joseph, his birthplace, received his college and theological training at the Benedictine Monastery at Conception.

During the period that Father Bresnahan was teaching at Conception, the Rev. Ready was procurator at the Abbey. He then served as an assistant pastor in Sturgis, S. D., as assistant at the Cathedral in Kansas City, followed

by his assistantship here at St. Joseph.

In his assignment at Mountain Grove he covered a wide "circuit," overseeing Catholic missions at Mansfield, Ava, Buckart and Udall. The Trappist Monastery near Ava is in the territory. However, it is an independent order.

Interested in civic matters, the Rev. Ready was chairman for two years of the Wright County Red Cross drive. He is a former member of the Mountain Grove Kiwanis Club and of the Chamber of Commerce there. However he has not been an active participant for the last several years because of the expanding demands of his pastoral field.

As do the other priests concerned in the parish changes he affirms the belief that "one should contribute toward the community's growth and welfare when accepting the privileges offered."



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Pastor Abroad Speaks Today

Dr. Robert C. Bowers, National Avenue Christian church, will speak today at 10:30 a. m. in the Christian Youth Fellowship...

'Better Halves' To Get Orchids

Presumably male members of University Heights Baptist church are making dates with their wives for the annual 'Better Halves'...

TODAY'S SERMONS

Methodist, 10 a. m., 'The Power of the Word'; Baptist, 10:30 a. m., 'The Power of the Word'; Episcopal, 10:30 a. m., 'The Power of the Word'...

Church ACTIVITIES



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'Holy Name' Parley Set Next Sunday

Officers of the Union of Holy Name Societies of the Diocese of Kansas City...

Hook Reaches 25-Year Mark

Wednesday, Memorial Day, will mark the completion of a quarter of a century in the history of the Hook...

New Lutheran Group to Have First Services at 'Y' Today

The first service of the Missouri Evangelical Lutheran Church, the new denomination...

Three-Story Structure to Cost \$239,000

High Street to Open SS Building Drive

Two important business centers were taken last week during the getting together of the Baptist Fellowship...

Christian Science

The vital importance of understanding the true nature of God and man will be emphasized at the Christian Science service Sunday...

Walther Leaguers Observe Birthday

More than 100 Walther Leaguers from Joslin, Carthage and Lockwood gathered at the Park Hill Baptist Church...

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She's wearing the new, exciting Sonitone 77 hearing aid entirely off the ear!

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Did you ever stop to think that Christianity is not a 'lone wolf' activity?

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New officers of the Wednesday Morning Bible class, sponsored by the Episcopal Union Council of Churches...

Problem Solving

In advance, is being thoughtful of others. Many arrangements can definitely be made and future decisions become less burdensome.

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