Father Martin Arno, OSB 1957-1960, 1966-1968

Father Martin Arno Assigned To New Post In Longmont

The Rev. Fr. Martin Arno, O.S.-B., will leave his post here as rector of Immaculate Conception



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Church this week to become pastor of St. John's Catholic Parish in Longmont, it was announced Tuesday.

Succeeding Father Arno will be Father Bede, O.S.B., who will act as temporary administrator for the next few weeks. Father Joseph Hannon, O.S.B., has been appointed as new pastor here and will take over later this month.

Father Hannon is well known in this area, having served as pastor here for about six years until 1956. He is now at Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City.

Father Arno was a former assistant pastor of the Longmont parish and served there for over three years. He came to Lafayette in 1956.

Prior to his Longmont post, Father Arno took graduate work at Colorado State University and was assistant pastor at Fort Collins.

In 1945 he became pastor of a new parish formed by the consolidation of the Mead and Frederick Missions.

Father Arno was born in Denver and ordained a priest in the Order of St. Benedict in 1936. He received his A.B. degree from Benedict's College at Atchison. Kansas and took four years of theological work at Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City. He also taught in the Abbey school for about ten years.

Was responsible for getting the parish hall moved from Lafayette to St. Scholastica

Denver Native

Ordained 1936

Attended Benedictine College

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Replacing Father Vincent at the Immaculate Conception Church in Lafayette will be Father Martin Arno. He was born in Denver January 22, 1902, and was professed in the Benedictine Order in October, 1932. He received a bachelor of arts degree from St. Benedict's College, Atchison, and was ordained in the St. Thomas Seminary Chapel June 6, 1936.

After completing a course of studies at Colorado A and M College in Fort Collins, the young Benedictine taught at the Abby School, Canon City, from 1936 to 1946. Then he served as assistant pastor to Father James Mehrer, St. John's Parish, Longmont, from 1946 to 1949.

Father Martin assumed the pastorate of Frederick and Mead in 1949 and has served in that capacity to the present time.

Father Martin's mother resides in Denver; his father is deceased.