

Rev. Charles Brady

Thursday, August 15, 1968, Bishop Newell announced that the Rev. Charles Brady, pastor of St. Matthew's Church, Gillette, would replace Monsignor O'Reilly as pastor of St. Anthony's parish.

Father Brady was born in County Cavin, Ireland on February 25, 1924. He studied for the priesthood at St. Patrick's College, Cavin, and St. Peter's College, Wexford and was ordained on June 10, 1949.

He came to Casper as a result of one of Bishop McGovern's recruiting drives. Coming to Wyoming in the fall of 1949, he was assigned to St. Anthony's parish where he served as assistant to Monsignor O'Reilly for three years. While at St. Anthony's Father Brady established and was the first chaplain of the Anthonians which was for many years a popular organization for Catholic young people.

In 1952 Father Brady was appointed assistant pastor of Saint Joseph's parish, Rawlins, and remained there until 1954 when he became assistant superintendent of St. Joseph's Orphanage.

Father Brady assumed the pastorate of St. Matthew's parish, Gillette in 1959. He was very active in community and interfaith activities and directed the construction of a large catechetical center and social hall. Father was also consistently involved in diocesan youth activities.