

BIOB OFMC BIANCO

Ofmconv bianco In October, Fr. Bernard Bianco, who formerly served the Diocese from 1947 to 1956 as a Conventual Franciscan, returned to the Diocese after being released from his Government position in the Department of Justice, was appointed Administrator by Bishop Newell and so the “mission” status for St. Leo’s only lasted three months.

In June 1978, Fr. Bianco was incardinated into the Diocese and was appointed Pastor of St. Leo’s Parish in Lusk, and St. Anthony’s Parish in Guernsey. For a whole year, Fr. Bianco spent three days in Lusk and three days in Guernsey. In June 1979, Father Bianco was released of the responsibility of St. Anthony’s Church in Guernsey, when Fr. James Krah, on loan from an eastern diocese, was appointed to Guernsey. During the time of the dual pastorate, Fr. Bianco inaugurated the first Parish Councils in both Lusk and Guernsey. Bishop Hart came to Guernsey on June 30, 1979, and installed the officers of both councils. The two parishes got together for a parish dinner to commemorate the event.