

St. Mary's Parish Gives Farewell for Father Budde

PALMYRA — The parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic church at Palmyra gathered in their church hall recently to bid Father George Budde their farewell.

In July 1949, Fr. Budde, who then was a curate at St. Bernard's, Wauwatosa, was assigned by the late Archbishop Moses E. Kiley of Milwaukee, to become pastor of St. Theresa's church at Eagle with a Mission at Palmyra.

St. Mary's church belongs to the Madison Diocese while St. Theresa belongs to the Milwaukee archdiocese. Therefore the Mission church has been assigned to Father Lauter of the Madison diocese.

Father Budde in all kindness and charity worked hand in hand with his people and they in turn did their best. He was a zealous worker in all he did.

He attended to all his duties as a true and sincere soldier in Christ's army and always was a prized symbol of the holy priesthood.

Father Budde will be missed much by all whether Catholic or non-Catholic.

During the years Father Budde served St. Mary's church, he has seen it grow. His tasks were many and sometimes difficult but he fulfilled all.

He baptized the infants, instructed the unbelievers and received them into the church, he instructed the ignorant who knew no faith, performed the Sacrament of Matrimony and anointed the sick.

Whether he was called at night or during the day, Father Budde was at the bedside anointing the sick and preparing them for their journey into eternity.

Father Budde comes from a family of ten children, nine boys and one girl. Four boys became priests and are serving Christ in various churches of the Milwaukee archdiocese.

If every anyone had any problems or heartaches they

would be relieved after a visit with him.

He always greeted everyone with a smile. The doors to his rectory were always open to anyone at any time. His office and rectory were not elaborate or extremely decorated. It was a humble place, neat and very clean. It felt like home to anyone who entered it.

The parishioners will always remember Father Budde. He was understanding, helpful, kind, charitable and very considerate. He was a priest at all times.

During the course of the evening's farewell party, Father Budde was presented with a comfortable lounge chair as a token of esteem and gratitude.

We all wish Father Budde continued blessings in all his future undertakings.

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