

## Rasmussen to be ordained May 28

Charles Rasmussen will be ordained a priest Saturday, May 28, at St. Stanislaus' Catholic Church here.

There has never been a Catholic ordination in Stevens Point before, as far as local priests and officials in the Diocese of La Crosse can recall. In the past, ordinations customarily took place in cathedrals, but in recent years the trend has been to conduct them in parish churches.

Rasmussen, 35, has been a member of the pastoral team at St. Stanislaus' for two years. He is the parish's minister of education, consultant to the area Catholic Board of Education and chairman of its Organization Committee.

His ordination, by Bishop Frederick W. Freking of La Crosse, will take place during a 3 p.m. Mass.

The new priest will celebrate his first solemn Mass of thanksgiving Sunday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m. at St. Stanislaus'.

The homilist will be the Rev. Adrian Dunville, O.S.B., New York City, a classmate of Rasmussen's at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn. They also worked together for two years in Corcoran, Minn.

Father Dunville, a native of Sri Lanka (Ceylon), is Vatican representative for Asia to the United Nations.

A reception and first blessings will take place after the first mass, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the program-banquet room of the University Center. It is open to the public.

Rasmussen, the son of Walter C. and Helen A. Rasmussen, was born in Minneapolis, went to grade school there and attended Campion High School, Prairie du Chien. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from St. John's University at Collegeville, and has studied at Sacred Heart School of Theology for Adult Vocations in Hales Corners.

During the Kennedy administration he was a legal abstracter for the federal government in Washington, D.C., and was a training officer there in a National Guard medical unit.

Then he was vice president of Northeastern Securities Corp. in Minneapolis until 1965.

During this time, and later, he was a pastoral associate in Corcoran, Minn., in charge of liturgical development, the educational program and



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marriage and family counseling. He was also chairman of two high school religious education departments, assistant dean of students at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minn., and assistant chaplain at St. Therese Home in New Hope, Minn.

He was in Akron, Ohio, from 1973-75 as chairman of a high school religious studies department, board member of the Metropolitan Interchurch Ministry and consultant to the Midwest Province of the Brothers of the Holy Cross.

Rasmussen's first assignment as a priest will be announced later.

His ordination is one of three scheduled this spring in the Diocese of La Crosse.

John Nesselth, Tomah, will be ordained Sunday, May 22, and Robert W. Nelson, Hewitt, on Sunday, May 29. Their ordinations, too, are taking place in parish churches.

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