

Pastoral Report - 1971

My services can be classified under three categories - pastor, priest and president.

As pastor: to fulfill the spiritual needs fo the people;
as priest:to administer the grace of God through the sacraments;
as president: to preside over church organizational meetings.

My priestly sevices consisted of celebrating the Divine Liturgy; performing 5 weddings; 2 engagements; 5 baptisms; and 4 funerals.

I attended 2 funderals services of friends of church members.

What is considered as presidential duties, was presiding over meetings of church organizations and committees to coordinate activities of the church and to represent our church at other functions in the community.

The pastoral services can be listed as follows:

- all the work entailed in planning, building and furnishing new building
- sermons, educational lessons and talks on appropriate occasions
- visitations and counselling
- devising Sunday School Program
- aid newcomers to the city.
- prepare program announcements, programs and dinner arrangements
- had altar painted, chandeliers cleaned, altar articles polished, etc.
- arrangements for clergy exchange program.

Miscellaneous:

Being at church when service or delivery men had to do something.

In rendering these services, I average travelling 20,000 miles a year.

Our basic weakness is organizational. The future looks good but it could look brighter if the services of our working members could be channelled through organizations. I think more would become more aware of our needs if they were exposed to them through responsible offices and the those closest to the heart of the problems are the Parish Council Chairman, and the Treasurer. More people should be made to serve on the Parish Council to be made cognizant of our needs and hopefully an awakening will happen in which they will avail themselves to serve.