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REFERENCE

The Most Rev. John R. Keating, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, has announced the establishment of Sacred Heart Parish, Hoadly, and the appointment of the Rev. Frank J. Ready as the founding pastor, effective (today) June 4.

Built in 1914 by a group of Catholics under the leadership of the Rev. William Jan, the first Sacred Heart structure was at Minnieville on Old Shop Road and Spriggs Ford Road. Because access to the church became increasingly difficult, in 1937 the parishioners rebuilt the structure at its present site on Hoadly Road using the original church, lumber as well as some of the window frames.

As a mission church, that is a church with no full-time priest, Sacred Heart congregation was first served by priests from Woodford, a small hamlet south of Fredericksburg, and later by priests from St. John's, Warrenton and All Saints, Manassas, and in 1970 by Holy Family, Dale City.

In the following decade, the Cath-

olic population grew to the extent that a second Sunday mass was scheduled. In 1979, the Rev. Roy Cosby, then pastor of Holy Family, purchased additional acreage adjacent to the existing church for future development.

The Rev. Vincent Keane, as the new pastor of Holy Family in 1979, began to promote the organization of Sacred Heart into a parish structure with its own Parish Advisory Board, a strengthening of the religious education program, and the establishing of various committees to meet the growing needs of the parish community.

The Rev. George Griffin and the Rev. Robert Cilinski, pastor and associate pastor, respectively, have continued the work of their predecessors to the community of 300 parishioners.

The Rev. Frank Ready, founding pastor, was born in Framingham, Mass. He studied at Christ the King Seminary in Orlean, N.Y., and was

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ordained to the priesthood in May 1959 by the Most Rev. John J. Russell.

He has held a variety of parish assignments through the Dioceses of Richmond and Arlington, in addition to serving on the faculty of St. John Vianney Seminary in Richmond.

He has been pastor of St. Theresa's, Portsmouth, and the founding pastor of The Church of the Nativity, Burke, in 1973.

The establishment of Sacred Heart Parish makes the 58th parish in the Diocese of Arlington and the eighth parish to be created since the beginning of the Diocese in 1974.