

Rev. Rasmussen on leave

The Rev. Charles Rasmussen has been granted a temporary leave of absence from St. Bronislava's Parish, Plover, effective immediately.

Rasmussen told parishioners at Masses Sunday that he was leaving for personal and health reasons.

He was one of three priests in team ministry at St. Bronislava's.

Rasmussen was ordained May 28, 1977, at St. Stanislaus' Catholic Church, Stevens Point. Then 35, Rasmussen had been a member of the pastoral team there for two years.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Rasmussen holds bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from St. John's University.

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

He later was vice president of Northeastern Securities Corp., Minneapolis, until 1965.

He also was a pastoral associate in Corcoran, Minn., 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, New Hope, Minn.

From 1973-75 he lived in Akron, Ohio, where he was chairman of a high school religious students department, a board member of the Metropolitan Interchurch Ministry and consultant to the Midwest Province of the Brothers of the Holy Cross.

In Stevens Point, Rasmussen was involved with programs for young people. He was chairman of the Stevens Point Area Wellness Commission and president of the Board of Education for the Diocese of La Crosse.

He also was on the executive board of the Priests' Senate, the Diocesan Task Force on Family Ministry and the Stevens Point Area Catholic Board of Education.