

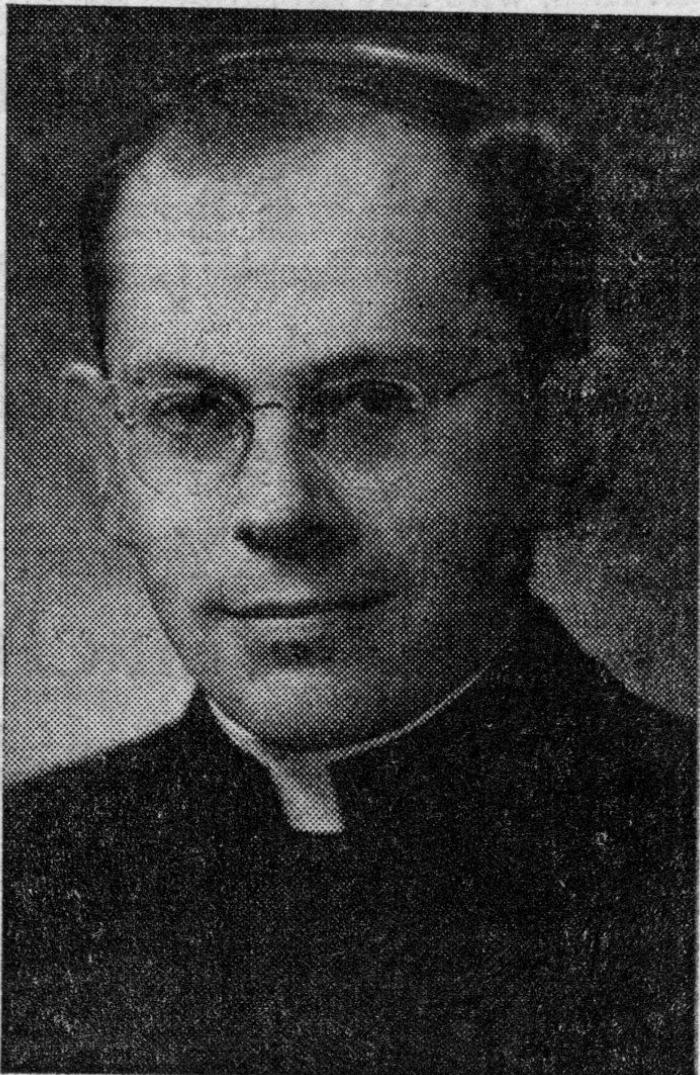
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Out of the Past

December 32, 1950

Under orders issued by the Most Rev. Thomas L. Noa, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Marquette, the Rev. Fr. Joseph A Gondek, pastor for the past ten years at St. Edward's church in Alpha and St. Mary's in Amasa, has been transferred to Kingsford where he will serve as pastor of St. Mary's Queen of Peach Church. Born on July 28, 1911 the oldest of 12 children of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gondek of Daggett, Michigan received his early education in the public schools of Holmes Township in Menominee County and took six years of preparatory studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, Ohio, followed by two years of philosophy work at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake, Michigan then returning to Pontifical College for a four year course in theology where he was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1937. He first celebrated his first solemn mass on June 6, 1937 in his home parish, St. Frederick's church in Daggett. He was assigned to churches in Bessemer, Newberry, Vulcan and Grand Marais before coming to Iron County.

To Kingsford



The Rev. Fr. Joseph A. Gondek, pastor of the Catholic churches of Alpha and Amasa since 1940, this week was transferred to Kingsford, where he will serve as pastor of St. Mary's, Queen of Peace. There he succeeds Fr. Thomas Anderson, who has been assigned to Sacred Heart church in L'Anse. The Rev. Fr. Chester Franczek came this week from Escanaba, where he has been chaplain of St. Francis' hospital, to succeed Fr. Gondek.