Members of the ordination class of 1956 are observing their 50th ordination anniversary this year.

Father Joseph Bourque of Lake Charles, Msgr. Alexander Larroque and Msgr. Richard Mouton were ordained to the priesthood on June 4, 1956 at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette, by Bishop Maurice Schexnayder, then auxiliary bishop of Lafayette. Msgr. Charles J. Mallet was ordained by Bishop Jude H. Jeanbon on Aug. 6, 1955, also in St. John's Cathedral.


Father Bourque had a celebration of his anniversary on Sunday, June 6 in his parish of St. Theodore at Moss Bluff. Msgr. Mouton had a parish celebration on Sunday, June 6 in his parish of St. Mary Magdalen, Abbeville, Msgr. Mallet will be honored in St. Jules Parish, Lafayette, closer to the August anniversary date. Msgr. Larroque, a native of Jeannette, in the son of Mrs. Adolphe Larroque and the late Mr. Larroque. After ordination he was assistant at St. Joseph, Patterson and St. Mary Magdalen, Abbeville, and Immaculate Conception, Charenton, before making graduate studies at the Catholic University of America where he earned a doctorate in canon law.

He was Chancellor of the diocese from 1965 to 1974, was made a monsignor in 1966, was active on the diocesan tribunal and as a diocesan consultor, served as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Lake Charles, Vicar General of the diocese, and in 1978 was appointed Vicar for Judicial Affairs. In 1979 he was appointed director of the Office of Communications. In 1980 he was again appointed Vicar General of the diocese.

Msgr. Mallet is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eno Mallet of Lafayette. After his ordination, he served as assistant at St. Mary Magdalen, Abbeville, and then Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles. He was part time director of vocations from 1956 to 1966 when he assumed the office full time, with residence at St. Jules' Parish. He served as spiritual director at Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, 1966-70, when he was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Crowley. He was made a monsignor in 1970, and served as dean of the Crowley deanery from 1973 to 1976. He was appointed pastor of St. Jules' Parish, Lafayette, his present assignment, in May, 1976.

Msgr. Mouton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scranon Mouton of Lafayette. After ordination he served as assistant pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Abbeville, and then went to Rome for post graduate studies, earning a doctorate in sacred theology in 1957.

From 1957 to 1960 he was assistant pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Parish, Breaux Bridge and at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles. He was pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Hathaway, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, New Iberia, before being assigned to St. Theodore's in February, 1978.

He has made post graduate studies in Rome, Israel, Catholic University of America, USL, Georgetown and Notre Dame. From 1970-72 he was assistant director of the Office of Religious Education, and since 1973 he has been associated with the National Office of Evangelization.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN Catholic Church is the scene of the mass celebration honoring Msgr. Richard von Phul Mouton on the occasion of his 25th anniversary to the priesthood, Sunday, June 7. Meridional photo by John Hollier.

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