

Valdez, Palmer priests to exchange places

Archbishop Francis T. Hurley has announced that the Rev. Gerard T. Ryan, pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Palmer, will become pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Valdez.

The Rev. Michael Shields, pastor of St. Francis Xavier's Parish will become pastor of St. Michael's effective Aug. 14. Father Shields has been pastor in Valdez since 1982, and Father Ryan has been pastor in Palmer since 1979.