

priesthood at Overbrook by the late Archbishop Wood, of Philadelphia. After his ordination he was appointed successively assistant at the Church of the Annunciation, Philadelphia; St. Ann's church, Port Richmond; Church of the Sacred Heart, Philadelphia; and St. Michael's church, of the same city. In May, 1879, he was transferred to the Philadelphia Cathedral, filling the position of assistant for seven and one-half years, or up to October 14, 1886. During the latter year he was appointed pastor of St. Patrick's church, Norristown, succeeding Rev. Father John Monahan. During his pastorate in connection with St. Patrick's church, Rev. T. F. Shannon has labored faithfully and uninterruptedly for the intellectual advancement and spiritual good of his people. Soon after he assumed charge of St. Patrick's parish the membership of the church increased to such an extent that the congregation was divided in 1892, and the result was the establishment of St. Augustine's church in the southern part of Bridgeport, with Rev. Michael J.

Gately as pastor. During Father Shannon's administration a suit entered by his predecessor against the Pennsylvania Railroad company for damages in depreciating the value of the church property at Norristown was decided in favor of the church.

Father Shannon has done much for the betterment of his people in the way of church and educational facilities. In March, 1894, he purchased ground at the corner of DeKalb and Chestnut streets, as a site for a new church, a parochial school, pastoral residence and convent. The first parochial