

CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

Cardinal May Officiate at Exercises
at Langdon Next Sunday.

Edifice of St. Francis de Sales Congre-
gation Stands on Site of Historic
Queen's Chapel.

St. Francis de Sales Church, at Langdon, D. C., will be dedicated next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Either Cardinal Gibbons or Bishop A. A. Curtis will officiate. Rev. E. A. Pease will deliver the sermon. Bishop D. J. O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University, and other prominent clergymen of Washington will attend. The Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Catholic Knights of America, and other local Catholic organizations will participate in the exercises.

This church occupies the site of the historic Queen's Chapel, where worshiped some of the distinguished families of the colonial days of Maryland, whose descendants are now among the prominent residents of Washington, Baltimore, and other Southern cities.

Rebuilding of the church on the site of the old Queen's Chapel is of special interest to Catholics all over the country, as the chapel dates back to the times when it was forbidden to publicly practice the Catholic faith. It is probable this building was in the form of an addition to the Queen mansion, then located where the Lutheran Home now stands, about 200 yards southwest of the present church.

The church was destroyed in 1814 by



Rev. A. M. Mark,

Pastor of St. Francis de Sales' Church, at Langdon, which will be dedicated next Sunday.

British soldiers, and again in 1862 by a Union regiment from New York.

One of the features of the church grounds is an old church yard, where tombstones are still to be found, upon which the engraving can be deciphered. The oldest bears the name of Anna Carroll, who died in the year 1805. She was the daughter of Robert Brent, first mayor of Washington, and also a sister-in-law of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, the signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Rev. A. M. Mark, pastor of the church, was appointed to the pastorate of the Langdon church last November.