

# Rev. Paul Rasche Leaving Canton After 13 Years

The Rev. Paul A. Rasche, pastor of United Evangelical Church, Canton, is going into semiretirement and will be serving a small United Church of Christ congregation near Winchester, Va., in January.

He has been pastor of United Congregation for more than 13 years and brings pastorate there to a close with the 10 a.m. service on Sunday.

During the years of his tenure the congregation has continued to be an active part of the community life, maintaining its strength as the largest Protestant church in the Canton area.

In addition to senior pastor, Rev. Rasche also has been active in the affairs of the community and city. He was instrumental in the formation of clergy groups in Canton and Highlandtown and was former president of the Canton Christian Council, a coalition of the five Protestant churches in that area. He has also held many offices and committee chairmanships on the former Maryland Council of Churches and its successor, Maryland Churches United.

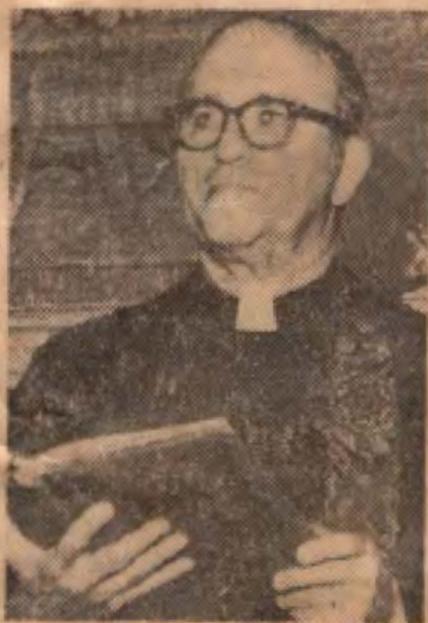
Denominationally the Rev. Rasche's activity has included

a full participation in the late of the Chesapeake Assn. of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, serving as president as well as holding membership on many committees and working groups.

He served as delegate of the directors of the Central Atlantic Conference and was for many years the vice president of the board of directors of the United Church Homes, a senior citizen residence in Silver Springs, Md.

He served on the board of Conference to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ, and, for six years, as corporate member of the Board for World Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Pastor and Mrs. Rasche are moving to the Timber Ridge United Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Gore, Va., where in his semiretirement he will serve this small country congregation in the mountainous region west of Winchester, Va.



REV. RASCHE