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The Rev. Charles E. Gannon, 86



The Rev. Charles E. Gannon, 86, died Tuesday, March 18 at the Kahl Home for the Aged and Infirm, Davenport, where he had been residing.

he attended St. Paul's Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., where he was ordained on Jan. 31, 1943. He served at the following churches: St. Paul the Apostle Church in Davenport for two years; Sacred Heart Church in Ft. Madison for 11 years; St. Patrick's in Georgetown for eight years; St. Mary's Church in Dodgeville for two years; St. Patrick's Church in Iowa City for 10 years; St. Patrick's Church in Marengo for three years; and the St. Mathias Church in Muscatine for 10 years where he retired in 1991. Lately, he had been a member of the Marian Movement of Priests, and he directed cenacles of prayer. He enjoyed making rosaries.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held Friday, March 21 at the St. Mathias Church, 215 W. Eighth St., Muscatine. The Most Reverend William Franklin, Bishop of the Diocese of Davenport, was the Principal Celebrant. A funeral luncheon was held at Gannon Hall following the Mass. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Brooklyn.

He is survived by two sisters, Sister Mary Charla Gannon, R.S.M., and Sister Mary Laurus Gannon, R.S.M., both of Chicago; one sister-in-law, Margaret Gannon of Urbandale; two nephews, Charles Gannon and his wife, Barbara, of Rochester, N.Y.; and Mark Gannon and his wife, Margaret, of Ames; two nieces, Mary Theresa Gannon of Des Moines and Joan Gannon and her husband, Lt. Colonel Paul Palmer of Italy; and five grandnephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorials be made to the Priest Aide Society of the Diocese of Davenport. The Ralph J. Wittich-Riley-Freers Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Father Gannon was born on June 11, 1916, in Victor, the son of Elmer M. and Rose Gallagher Gannon. He was raised in Brooklyn and graduated from St. Ambrose College in 1939, and then

He was preceded in death by one brother, Larry Gannon.