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, Daven-
port, where he
had been resid-
ing.

A Mass of the
Resurrection was held Friday, March 21
at the St. Mathias Church, 215 W. Eighth
St., Muscatine. The Most Reverend Wil-
liam 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.

In lieu of flowers, the family request-
ed that memorials be made to the Priest
Aide Society of the Diocese of Daven-
port. The Ralph J. Wittich-Riley-Freers
Funeral Home was in charge of the ar-
rangements.

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 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 Davenport 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.

He is survived by two sisters, Sister
Mary Charla Gannon, R.S.M., and Sis-
ter Mary Laurna 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 hus-
band, Lt. Colonel Paul Palmer of Italy;
and five grandnephews.

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