The Rev. Dr. Anthony Farrell

The Rev. Dr. Anthony and Sir Anthony Gorham Farrell, KHS, 69, died Jan 10, 2008, in his home town of South Bend, Ind.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, Jan. 17, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Officiating was the Most Rev. Martin J. Amos, Bishop of Davenport. Homilist was the Rev. Msgr. James Parizek. Principal Celebrant of the Eucharist was the Rev. David Clark with Fr. Farrell's brother priests in the Diocese of Davenport as concelebrants assisted by deacons of the diocese. Organist was Marilyn Kriegel. Burial was in the Calvary Section of Hazelwood Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Deacons Fund at St. Mary's Church in Grinnell and Davenport.

Fr. Farrell was born March 31, 1938, in South Bend, the eldest child of Thomas Francis and Grace Kathryn Brugger Farrell. He was a graduate of St. Joseph Catholic High School in South Bend. He attended the University of St. Michael, Toronto, Canada; Loras College Dubuque; St. Mary College, Winona, Minn.; St. Ambrose College, Davenport (Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Classical Languages); Mount St. Bernard's Seminary, Dubuque; Aquinas Institute of Theology, Dubuque (Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Theology) and the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind. (Master of Arts in Classical Languages).

He was ordained in the Diocese of Davenport on June 6, 1964. He was a professor at St. Ambrose College in Davenport for 27 years, and Chair of the Theology and Classical Language Departments. In 1982 he wrote the centennial history of St. Ambrose, "Bees and Bur Oaks: 100 Years of St. Ambrose College".

He served as pastor of St. Peter's Church, Buffalo; Censor Librorum, the Diocese of Davenport; Administrator of the churches of St. Mary's, Nichols, St. Joseph's, Columbus Junction, and St. Malachy's, Ardon; pastor of St. Mary's, Grinnell, and died while serving as pastor of St. Mary's Davenport. Other assignments included serving as president of Cardinal Newman College, St. Louis, Mo.; the Theologian in Residence for the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands; Pastoral Associate of the Church of St. Mary of the Lake, Eustis, Fla., and the National Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of the Universe, Orlando, Fla.

For many years he was the visiting theologian of the Diocese of Baker in Oregon. He also was a visiting Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame.

Twenty five years ago he was inducted into the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, a Papal Knighthood conferred by Pope John Paul II.

He is survived by seven brothers and sisters, Mary Jo Keller, William Hugh Farrell, Maureen Francis Farrell, Patrick Michael Farrell, Kathryn Anne Miller, Christine Carol Mattesitis and Timothy Thomas Farrell, all of South Bend, Ind. He was preceded in death by his parents.
Rev. Anthony G. Farrell

The Rev. Anthony G. Farrell, 69, died on Jan. 10, 2008, in his home town of South Bend, Ind. He formerly served as pastor of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Grinnell.

The Mass of the Resurrection for Rev. Anthony G. Farrell will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Burial will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at St. Mary’s. The Rosary will be cited at 4 p.m., followed by a Christian wake service at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Deacons Fund at St. Mary’s in Grinnell and Davenport.