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Fr. William J. MAGUIRE, 75 IRELAND USE

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+ September 29, 1998 Philadelphia

His parents moved to the U.S.A. when he was very young and settled in the Philadelphia area. He had finished high school in 1941 when he entered Cornwells for two years of college. Professed on July 16, 1944, at Ridgefield, he did his philosophy at Ferndale, earning a B.A. and was then sent to Fribourg for theology. Ordained there on July 24, 1949, he earned a S.T.L. in 1950.

Assigned to the U.S.A. in 1950, he did two years ministry at St. Mark's in Harlem NY followed by one year of teaching at St. Emma Military Academy in Powhatan, VA, before being posted to the Ferndale senior seminary in 1955. A nervous illness sent him to Ridgefield to recuperate in 1955. He did some replacement ministry in Mount Carmel, PA, and then served for three years as assistant at St. Mark's, Harlem, New York.

From 1949 on he was in and out of hospitals in New York and Philadelphia, spent some time at Via Coeli in New Mexico and Guest Houses, while intermittently stationed at various parishes and works of the Congregation. By 1970 he had reached the stage where he was able to function properly again. He served as pastor of St. Mark's in Harlem, NY, until 1974, then briefly at St. Peter Claver and then another three years at St. Mark's as associate pastor. He returned to St. Peter Claver in 1977 as associate pastor.

He spent the remaining twenty-one years of his life there. When this parish ceased to exist, its church stayed open as the Shrine of Our Lady of Victories. He served as its director for most of these years, giving full satisfaction.

He died suddenly there. His only surviving relative was his sister Mary Bartley.

Interment took place at the community cemetery in Bensalem, PA.

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