Rev Joseph Gambino

BIRTH 23 Mar 1879
Italy

DEATH 20 Jan 1975 (aged 95)
Southern Pines, Moore County, North Carolina, USA

BURIAL Mount Olivet Cemetery
Kenmore, Erie County, New York, USA

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Rev. Msgr. Joseph Gambino P.A. was educated in Turin, Italy and was ordained a priest on June 29, 1903. In 1907, he was invited to minister to Italian Immigrants in the Niagara Frontier. During his first two years in Buffalo, he established two parishes: St. Anthony, Lime Rock and St. Joseph Leroy. Then he took charge of Mount Carmel Parish in Buffalo. In 1914, Bishop Colton commissioned him to begin Holy Cross parish in Buffalo, a parish he led for 54 years.


In 1948 he founded Holy Cross School and later built a gymnasium and rectory. in 1958, he acquired the old Niagara Theater and started The Catholic Theater, the first of its kind in the country.

He retired in 1968. At that time Bishop Benincasa remembered him as a man of great zeal and a perfect knowledge of his parish. He said that Msgr. Gambino's advice to him was "Father, the good people you will see on Sunday at Mass; the bad people you must visit at home.

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