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Rev. Paul E. Pindel

The Rev. Paul E. Pindel, 65, a former pastor and parochial vicar at several churches in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, died of a brain tumor yesterday at the home of a sister

Agnes Dilla, of the Allentown section of Pittsburgh.

He had been living with his sister since he took a leave of absence from the priesthood in 1989.

Pindel had hosted a polka music radio program on WPLW-AM in Crafton in 1985 and 1986, earning him the nickname the "Polka Padre."

He also founded the Polish dance group, the Ensemble Polonia, while he was pastor of St. Genevieve Church in Canonsburg, Washington County. The group performed regularly at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival and in West Virginia.

Pindel attended St. Mary College and SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, both in Orchard Lake, Mich. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1951.

His first assignment was in 1951 as a parochial vicar at St. Stanislaus Church, Ambridge. After that, he served at the following churches: St. John Cantius in Sharpsburg, St. Robert Bellarmine in East McKeesport, Holy Family in Lawrenceville, Holy Angels in Hays, St. William in East Pittsburgh and St. Martin in the West End.

In 1969, he was named pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church and St. Ann Church, both in Beaver County. He served as pastor until 1971, when he was named chaplain of the Gilmory School in Coraopolis.

In 1973, he was named pastor of St. Genevieve Church and served there until he was named pastor of St. Hyacinth Church in Oakland. He took a leave of absence in 1989.

Pindel was a member of the

Polish Falcons and the Polish National Alliance.

Besides Ms. Dilla, he is survived by two other sisters, Rose Gall of West Mifflin and Mary Johnson of Pine Hill, N.J., and three brothers, Albert Pindel of Beechview, John Pindel of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Andrew Pindel of Rialto, Calif.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. today and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. tomorrow at the John J. Gmitter Funeral Home Inc., 119 S. 15th St., South Side.

The body will be moved to St. Josaphat Church, 2314 Mission St., South Side, at 3 p.m. tomorrow. A prayer service will follow at 4 p.m. and a mass at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be in the church until 9:30 p.m.

A funeral mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday in St. Josaphat

Church. Burial will be in St. Josaphat
Cemetery, Baldwin.