

Monsignor Patrick Kearney

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KEARNEY MONSIGNOR PATRICK J. Monsignor Patrick J. Kearney, 85, died August 4, 2004, at Nazareth House. He was born in Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, son of Thomas and Catherine Kearney. Educated in Ennis through high school at St. Flannan's Colledg and St. Joseph's Catholic Boys School, in 1948 he came to California to attend St. Francis Seminary in El Cajon. He completed his seminary formation at Immaculate Heart Seminary in El Cajon, and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Diego by the late Bishop Charles F. Buddy in 1953. Father Kearney carried out brief assignments as assistant pastor at St. John of the Cross in Lemon Grove, St. Mary's in El Centro, and St. Joseph's in Upland. From 1957 to 1964, he served as assistant pastor at St. John the Evangelist in San Diego, before being appointed pastor of St. Anne's in Needles. In 1966, he transferred to the Immaculata to serve as pastor until 1968. A nine-year assignment as pastor of St. John of the Cross in Lemon Grove followed, from 1968 to 1977. He then became pastor of Immaculate Conception in Old Town San Diego, where he served until his retirement in 1993. Father Kearney was named a monsignor in 1981, under the late Bishop Leo T. Maher. The Vigil for the Deceased will be held at Nazareth House Chapel, 6333 Rancho Mission Road. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on

Thursday, August 12, at 11 a.m. at Mission San Diego de Alcala, 10818 San Diego Mission Road. Please sign the guest book at obituaries.uniontrib.com

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