

Rev. Leo Creamer, was St. Mary's pastor

The Rev. Leo Patrick Creamer, 73, who was the pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fredericksburg for nine years, died Saturday, Nov. 16 at St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Richmond.

He was a native of Richmond. He attended Benedictine High School in Richmond and graduated from St. Charles Seminary in Catonsville, Md., in 1938. From there, he went to St. Bernard Seminary in Rochester, N.Y., where he graduated in 1944.

He was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood on May 18, 1944, and his first assignment was as associated pastor of St. Paul's Parish in Portsmouth.

Other assignments included director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1954; diocesan director of vocations from 1959 to 1961; rector of St. Mary's Parish in Richmond in 1960; administrator of St. Leo's Parish in Fairfax in 1961; and administrator of St. Bede's Parish, Williamsburg in 1962.

Before coming to Fredericksburg, he was associate pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Alexandria; St. Paul's Parish, Richmond; Assumption Parish, Keyser, W.Va.; and St. Louis Parish, Alexandria. He served at St. Mary's Parish in Fredericksburg from 1978 until his retirement in 1987. He also served as dean of Deanery V in the Diocese of Arlington from 1978 to 1987.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Dorr of Richmond; a niece and a nephew.

A Christian wake will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Home, 1503 Michael Road, Richmond. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday also at St. Joseph's Home. The Most Rev. Walter F. Sullivan will officiate. Burial will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Richmond.

A memorial mass will be held in Fredericksburg Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The family requests that expressions of sympathy take the form of contributions to St. Joseph's Home for the Aged in Richmond.

Joseph Bliley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.