Parish Founder Expires At 77

William J. McCashin, founder of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish of the Roman Catholic Church in Burgettstown, Washington County, died Tuesday in Mercy Hospital. He was 77.

Vincent Seminary in Latrobe After ordination in 1915 he was appointed assistant pastor at St Alphonsus Parish in McDonald Washington County.

The following year he was appointed to Burgettstown where he served for 36 years. He later was pastor of St. Philip Church in suburban Crafton.

Father McCashin, a native of Connellsville, served from 1942 to 1954 as pro-synodal examiner of the Pittsburgh Diocese.

Mass will be celebrated Friday and burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Connellsville.