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The Rev. Rayner Ziemski, 67

A mass of Christian burial for the Rev. Rayner Ziemski, O.F.M. Conv., who served parishes in Baltimore as well as in other locations on the East Coast and in Alaska, will be offered at 11 a.m. tomorrow at St. Casimir's Church, Kenwood Avenue and O'Donnell Street.

Father Ziemski, 67, died Sunday in his sleep at the rectory of St. Mary's Church in Bordentown, N.J., where he was pastor more than five years.

He was assistant pastor at St. Casimir's Church from 1939 to 1940 and served there again in the late 1960s. In the late 1940s, he also served at St. Stanislaus Church.

Assigned to 15 different parishes during his priesthood, he also was vice principal of a high school in Buffalo, N.Y.,

and, for a year during the 1950s, he was a tour guide at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy.

Born in Baltimore, he attended St. Casimir's School and Loyola High School before graduating from St. Francis High School in Athol Springs, N.Y.

He entered the Order of Friars Minor Conventual, known as the Conventual Franciscans, in 1932 and then was educated at St. Hyacinth's College in Granby, Mass., and at the Propagation of the Faith University and the Seraphicum in Rome, where he was ordained in 1938.

Survivors include two sisters, Marie Lunz and Catherine Scalion, both of Baltimore; a brother, James Ziemski of Baltimore, and many nieces and nephews.