

Msgr. Zimpfer, 78, Dies; Ex Williamsville Pastor

Msgr. C. George Zimpfer, 78, retired pastor of SS. Peter & Paul parish, Williamsville, died Wednesday (Dec. 17, 1975) in St. Mary's Manor, Niagara Falls, where he had been a resident since his 1973 retirement.

Bishop Edward D. Head of the Diocese of Buffalo will offer a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM Saturday in SS. Peter & Paul. Burial will be in the parish cemetery, Williamsville.

A native of Buffalo, the monsignor attended St. Louis parish school, Canisius High School, Canisius College and was ordained at the Seminary of Our Lady of Angels, Niagara University, Jan. 6, 1923.

He celebrated his first Mass the following day in SS. Peter & Paul Church, where he became an assistant and where, subsequently he was to hold the pastorate 28 years.

Msgr. Zimpfer also served as assistant at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Hamburg. His first pastorate, in 1941, was at Sacred Heart Church, Bowmansville. He was assigned the pastorate of SS. Peter & Paul in Williamsville in 1945.

During that pastorate, he



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wrote a detailed history of the historic parish, built the present school and renovated the century-old church, a Western New York landmark.

He was named a papal chamberlain with rank of very reverend monsignor in 1954 and a domestic prelate with the title of right reverend monsignor in 1959.