



REV. J. P. GALLAGHER

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated today at 11 a.m. in Holy Family Catholic Church, Poland, Ohio, for the Rev. John P. Gallagher, 55, former assistant pastor of St. Barbara's Church here.

Bishop James W. Malone of the Youngstown Diocese was the principal celebrant for the concelebrated mass. Msgr. William A. Hughes, vicar general of the diocese and a former assistant pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Massillon, preached the sermon.

Interment was made in Calvary Cemetery at Youngstown.

Gallagher, who served as the first assistant assigned to St. Barbara's parish from February 1948 to June 1951, died Thursday in the coronary care unit of South Side Hospital in Youngstown. In ill health for the past few years, he was admitted to the hospital last Dec. 26.

A native of Youngstown, he was educated at St. Edward's Elementary School and Ursuline High School, both in Youngstown, at St. Charles' College in Cantonville, Md. and St. Mary's Seminary in Cleveland. He received a bachelor of science degree in Education from Youngstown University and a master's degree in English from Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He also studied at the University of Windsor at Windsor, Canada, and the University of Notre Dame at South Bend, Ind.

He was ordained to the priesthood Sept. 23, 1944 by the late Bishop James A. McFadden. He served as assistant pastor of his home parish of St. Edward's of Youngstown, prior to serving at St. Barbara's parish and as an assistant at St. Patrick's Church in Youngstown, prior to his assignment as founding pastor of Holy Family Church in 1956. During his tenure as pastor, the church, rectory and school were built. The school is staffed by the Ursuline order of nuns.

He served as the first chaplain of Poland Council, Knights of Columbus, was chaplain of the Mahoning Valley Gaelic Society, was moderator of the Ohio Catholic Hospital Association, a director of Catholic Hospitals of the diocese, a director of the Diocesan Council of Nurses, assistant chairman of Bishop Walsh Liturgical Commission and a member of the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission Committee for two terms.

He is survived by four brothers, Daniel E. Gallagher of Youngstown and William J., Robert H. and Bertram W. Gallagher, all of Poland. His parents were the late Patrick J. and Marie Reardon Gallagher.