

Former St. Peter's priest killed

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — The Rev. Frederick Andrew Garand, 54, a former associate pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Mansfield, was found stabbed to death Saturday morning near the front door of his Coral Springs, Fla., vacation home.

Garand's body was found at 5 a.m. by a newspaper deliveryman, according to a spokesman for the Coral Springs City Police Department.

A motive for the slaying has not yet been established, according to police, who say they have no suspects.

Garand had been stabbed in the throat area. The time of the attack has not yet been named by medical examiners in Fort Lauderdale.

Bishop James R. Hoffman, head of the diocese, said he was "stunned" by the news of the death. "He and I served together in Mansfield, and I find the entire incident a personal shock."

Garand served as an associate pastor of St. Peter's Parish in Mansfield from 1958 to 1970. At the time of his death, he was pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Assumption, Ohio, where he had worked since June 1979.

A native of East Toledo, the Garand grew up in Oregon, Ohio, and graduated from Toledo Central Catholic High School. He attended St. Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati and earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in theology from Mt. St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, later attending graduate programs at Xavier University in Dayton and Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.

He was ordained a priest of the 19-county Catholic diocese of Toledo in 1953. After leaving Mansfield, Garand served as pastor of sister parishes in Millersville and Kansas, Ohio, between 1971 and 1976, and in sister parishes in Custer and Deshler, Ohio, between 1976 and 1979.

He was state chaplain of the Catholic War Veterans and a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio. While in Mansfield, he was a chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Council, a charter board member of the North

Central Ohio Family Services Agency and president of the agency's services unit from 1964 to 1966, moderator of the St. Peter Club, and served on the United Community Service board. His hobby was gun collecting.

Survivors include his mother, Mary of Oregon, Ohio; and three brothers, Robert of Tinley Park, Ill., Richard of Oregon and John of Rossford, Ohio.

Calling hours at the Hoeflinger Funeral Home, 3500 Navarre Ave., Oregon, will be after 7 p.m. Tuesday. The body will lie in state in Rosary Cathedral from 3 p.m. Thursday until 10 a.m. Friday, when a funeral liturgy will be celebrated with Bishop James R. Hoffman as principal celebrant. Burial will be in the St. Ignatius Parish Cemetery, Oregon.

The family requests that any tributes take the form of contributions to the Diocesan Development Fund, 2544 Parkwood Ave., Toledo 43610.

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