

# Msgr. Bonaventure Ciufoli buried in Rome, was Gannon teacher

Msgr. Bonaventure Ciufoli, a retired priest of the Erie Diocese who taught at Gannon College (now Gannon University) for 17 years, died in Rome this past July 20 and was buried there, officials of the Erie diocesan chancery learned last week. He was 85.

Born in Rome, Msgr. Ciufoli was ordained to the priesthood in 1924. He earned a J.U.D. degree, which is a doctorate in both canon and civil law, and in the years following his ordination held several office assignments at the Vatican.

From 1935-40 he lived in England, teaching at the Italian Institute at London, Benedictine College at

Downside Abbey and as a visiting professor at Cambridge University.

With the outbreak of the World War II, he made a difficult trip back to Italy with a group of Italian evacuees from England. He remained in Rome for the duration of the war and joined patriot groups opposed to the Nazi occupation of the city. During 1945 he served as a chaplain to American troops in Italy.

Msgr. Ciufoli came to the United

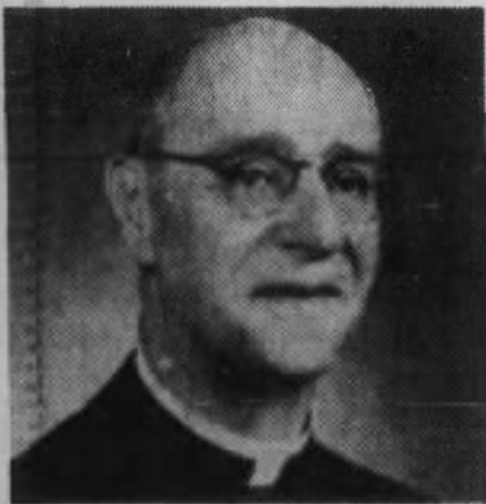
States in 1947 and worked at St. Columba Parish in the Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. In 1950, he came to the Erie Diocese and began teaching at Gannon. He was incardinated (officially accepted a priest of the diocese) into the diocese in 1953.

In 1963, he was designated by Pope John XXIII a Domestic Prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor.

In March, 1967, one of the first

duties of Bishop John Whealon as Bishop of Erie was to appoint Msgr. Ciufoli Defender of the Bond of the Tribunal and Pro-Synodal Examiner and Parochial Consultor of the Erie Diocese.

Msgr. Ciufoli retired in September, 1967, and returned to Rome where he served at St. Mary Major Basilica and was a member of the Sacred Congregations of Seminaries and Universities.



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