

Rev. Gallagher, St. Barnabas Pastor, Dies

The Rev. J. Donald Gallagher, 54, pastor of St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 3054 Hikes Lane, died at 2:55 a.m. yesterday at St. Anthony Hospital. He had suffered several heart attacks.

Father Gallagher was the first pastor of St. Barnabas after the church was completed in 1953. He was also instrumental in building three other parishes in the same area, St. Pius X, St. Martha and the Church of the Ascension.

Before going to St. Barnabas, Father Gallagher was assistant pastor at Holy



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Trinity and Our Lady of Lourdes churches. He was also chairman of the Ecumenical Council of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

In 1960 Father Gallagher introduced tithing at St. Barnabas as a means of providing more money for the rapidly growing church. The tithe was unusual for a Catholic church but proved successful.

Father Gallagher was a native of Des Moines, Iowa. He moved here from St. Louis in 1925, and attended St. Xavier High School. He received his training at St. Mary College at St. Mary, Ky., and at St. Meinrad Seminary in St. Meinrad, Ind. He was ordained in Louisville in May 1940 by Archbishop John A. Floersh.

Survivors include three sisters, Sister Mary Immaculata Marie, of St. John's Convent, Bellaire, Ohio; Sister Francis Xavier, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Charles Langness, and nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas McDonough and Auxiliary Bishop Charles G. Maloney at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Barnabas Church. Burial will be in the Nazareth Motherhouse Cemetery, Nazareth, Ky.

The body will be at Ratterman's, 3711 Lexington Road, until 10 a.m. tomorrow, when it will be taken to the church.