

FORMER MISSION PASTOR

Services conducted for Father Roger

A mass of Christian burial for Father Roger Anderson, OFM, Cap., 67, former pastor of Old Mission Santa Ines, was conducted Tuesday morning at the Old Mission with interment following in the Capuchin Cemetery of San Lorenzo Seminary in Santa Ynez.

Father Roger, who had been in ill health for some time, died last Thursday morning at Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto. His death came on the eve of a tenth annual Old Mission Fiesta, a mission restoration fund raising event which he inaugurated.

Father Roger was born Sept. 25, 1912, in Dublin, Ireland. At the age of 18 he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order and was graduated from the National University of Ireland in 1934.

Since his ordination, Father Roger pastored three other churches, including St. Mary's in Ukiah, St. Frances at Bend, Ore., and St. Joseph's in Roseburg, Ore.

Father Roger, who was a student and authority on the church in early California and the work of the first padres, became pastor of the Old Mission in 1970.

It was during his tenure that a number of major projects were completed at the historic landmark. Under his direction, a new look came to the mission in 1972 when a number of improvements were made, including the installation of adequate irrigation and drainage systems for the mission garden and meadows, refurbishing and re-landscaping of the formal mission garden, strengthening of the interior



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walls of the convento to make it as earthquake-proof as possible, weatherproofing and painting the entire mission and marking various points of interest in the mission complex.

The most obvious of the projects was the mission's new mellow gold and Franciscan brown trim exterior re-painting. The old, weathered near-white color exterior with peeling plaster and exposed adobe bricks, became no more.

Before winter's rains could work another year's destruction on the exposed walls, a new coat

of paint and in some instances, five coats of paint, were applied.

This was the year, too, that Father Roger directed the installation of an underground sprinkler system in the meadow area between the Mission and Mission Drive. Instead of a fallow field, a lush green grass carpet was developed to provide a new setting for the historic mission.

Because of illness, Father Roger stepped down as pastor of the mission in 1978 but continued to work at the mission.

He leaves three sisters, Mrs. James Munane, Mrs. Thomas Kennedy and Mrs. Ostin Kenny, and a brother, all of Ireland.

Loper Funeral Chapel directed arrangements.