

Rev. Gatineau Our Lady's Curate Dies

The Rev. Oscar A. Gatineau, 45, curate at Our Lady Immaculate Church since Aug. 29, died suddenly Sunday night while visiting at the home of his parents, Oscar F. and Agnes M. (Berthiaume) Gatineau of 15 Oakes avenue, Southbridge. He was pronounced dead at Harrington Memorial Hospital. Dr. John T. Nasse, associate medical examiner, said death was due to natural causes.

Father Gatineau was born in Southbridge and attended local schools, graduating from Mary E. Wells High School in 1933.

He was graduated from Sacred Heart College, St. Victor Canada, in 1947 and from the College of Philosophy and Theology, Montreal, in 1951.

He was ordained to the priesthood in Notre Dame Church May 26, 1951 by Most Rev. John J. Wright, then bishop of Worcester, now of Pittsburgh. He was the first native of Southbridge to be ordained in his home town.

Father Gatineau's first assignment was to Immaculate Conception parish, Fitchburg. He later served at Sacred Heart, Webster, St. Anne's and St. Patrick's, Sturbridge, St. Jo-

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seph, North Brookfield, and St. Joseph's Worcester, before being assigned to Our Lady Immaculate.

He was chaplain of Catholic Woman's League, Ladies of Ste. Anne and of St. Anthony Society of Our Lady Immaculate parish.

He was chaplain of the Federation of Franco-American Societies of Worcester and Worcester County. In 1960 he was one of 10 adults presented the Catholic Youth Council Pro Deo et Juventute award for outstanding service to youth by Bishop Flanagan.

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Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Rita Martel of Southbridge.

A Solemn Pontifical Mass will be offered by Bishop Flanagan Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Notre Dame Church.

Calling hours at Sansoucy & Son Funeral Home, 40 Marcy street, Southbridge, are 7 to 9 tonight. At 3 p.m. Tuesday, his body will be transferred to Notre Dame Church where it will lie in state until the funeral. Burial will be in the family lot in St. George's Cemetery, Southbridge.