

Rev. John Walsh

Served parish in Lowell; 73

TEWKSBURY — Rev. John J. Walsh, OMI, 73, of the Oblate residence here, former associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Lowell, died Friday at Symmes Hospital, Arlington. A funeral Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Oblate Novitiate Chapel here.

During his many years in the Oblate order, Fr. Walsh served at churches in McCook, Neb.; Spencer, Ind.; Gary, Ind.; Fayetteville, N.C., and West Jefferson, Ohio.

He served at Lowell's Sacred Heart Church 1951-59. He returned in 1969 to be associate pastor at the Sacred Heart Church where he remained until 1980, when he was assigned to the Oblate residence here.

He was born in Charlestown and graduated from Boston College High School in 1933. He attended Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., for a year, and then entered the Oblate novitiate in Tewksbury on Sept. 7, 1934. He took his first vows Sept. 8, 1935, and then attended the Oblate College in Washington, D.C., 1935-38. He took his perpetual vows at Essex, N.Y., on Sept. 8, 1938, and was ordained in Washington, D.C., on May 27, 1940.

He leaves two sisters, Margaret Walsh and Helen Ryan, both of Arlington.

Burial will be in the Oblate Cemetery.