

Rev. Ralph Corbeil

The Rev. Ralph C. Corbeil, 63, former assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church, Lewiston, who made his home in Lewiston since his retirement in 1969, died Saturday at the Veterans Administration Facility, Togus.

He was born at Biddeford, Aug. 12, 1909, the son of Ferdinand and Marie Louise Bourgeault Corbeil, and attended St. Joseph's Grammar School, Biddeford. He prepared for the priesthood at St. Charles Seminary, Sherbrooke, P.Q. and received further training at the American College, Louvain, Belgium, where he was ordained July 14, 1935.

Following his ordination, he served the parishes of St. Louis and St. Peter at Portland; St. Margaret, Old Orchard Beach, and St. Francis in Waterville. In 1944 he was commissioned as a U.S. Army Chaplain.

In 1946 Father Corbeil was appointed assistant pastor of St. Louis Parish in Fort Kent, and also served as assistant pastor at Notre Dame Parish in Springvale in 1949.

From 1950 until 1960, he was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Lewiston. In April 1960, he was named pastor of Holy Family Parish at Daigle, where he remained until 1968, when named pastor of St. David's Parish in Madawaska. He retired in August 1969 because of ill health.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Theresa Sandler of Coventry, Conn., Mrs. Leo Paul (Laurette) Lambert of Biddeford and Mrs. Francis (Beatrice) Mazerall of Westbrook; three brothers, Fernand Corbeil of Peabody, Mass., Roland Corbeil of Biddeford and Raymond Corbeil of Newington, Conn.

Bishop Peter L. Gerety of the Diocese of Portland will be the principal celebrant at a Concelebrated Mass of the Resurrection to be held at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, Biddeford.

A Service of the Dead will be held at 4 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Church, and at 7 p.m. Monday, a Concelebrated Mass of the Dead will be celebrated by the parish priests in St. Joseph's Church. Interment will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery.