John Crozier

The Rev. John F. Crozier died Dec. 30, 1989, at a Waterville retirement home.

He was born in Portland, the son of Thomas J. and Margaret (McEachern) Crozier.

He attended Portland schools and graduated from St. Joseph's University in St. Joseph, New Brunswick.

He studied for the priesthood at St. Augustine Seminary in Toronto, Ontario and St. Bonaventure in upstate New York, where he obtained a masters in sacred theology.

He was ordained into the priesthood by Bishop Daniel J. Feeney in 1940 in Portland.

Father Crozier served at St. Joseph's Parish in Lewiston, St. Christopher's Parish on Peaks Island, St. Mary's in Orono and Sacred Heart Church in Portland.

After retiring in the early 1980s, he served in the missions of the Virgin Islands for several years.

During his years of service to the Diocese of Portland, Father Crozier served in various capacities, including moderator of the Maine Diocesan of Catholic Women, chaplain of the First Friday Associates, president of the Priest's Senate, Boy Scouts chaplain, chaplain of District IV of the Diocesan Human Relations Services, chaplain of the Orono Council of the Knights of Columbus, and served on the board of Diocesan Consultors.

He is survived by four sisters, Alice E. Crozier of Winslow, Mrs. Paul (Helen) Herzig of Colton, Calif., Mrs. Robert (Mary) DeCosta of Naples, Fla., and Mrs. Douglas (Anne) Norton of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; and two brothers, Thomas Joseph Allen Crozier of Hodge, La., and Francis J. Crozier of Freeport.

The Liturgy of the Hours was recited Jan. 4, at St. Joseph's Church, Portland. A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 3, also at St. Joseph's Church, where the Most Rev. Joseph J. Gerry, O.S.B., Bishop of Portland was principal celebrant.

Burial followed in the family lot in Calvary Cemetery.