

OBITUARIES

Rev. David V. Roche, South Buffalo pastor

April 5, 1915 — June 28, 2004



The Rev. David V. Roche, who served for 20 years as pastor of St. Agatha's Catholic Church in South Buffalo, died Monday in Buffalo General Hospital after a brief illness. He was 89.

Born in Buffalo, he first served as the diocesan missionary apostolate, then as an assistant at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Buffalo and Christ the King Church in Snyder.

In 1957, he became pastor of Our Lady of Victory Church, Frewsburg, then in 1966 was named pastor of St. Agatha's Church, where he served until 1986.

Father Roche also was executive secretary of

the Parochial School Athletic Association, Monsignor Martin Catholic High School Athletic Association and Camp Turner. He also served on the Priests' Senate and was regional coordinator for Region 8 since 1976.

He enjoyed reading and going to the races in Fort Erie, Ont., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. A devoted New York Yankees fan, he did not miss a Yankees game on radio or television for 15 years.

He is survived by 15 nieces and nephews.

Auxiliary Bishop Edward M. Grosz will be principal celebrant at a concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Friday in Blessed Sacrament Church, 1029 Delaware Ave. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Cheektowaga.