

# Rev. Joseph Cevetello, was pastor in Garfield

The Rev. Joseph F. X. Cevetello, pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Mount Virgin R.C. Church, Garfield, died Wednesday. The Manchester Township resident was 65.

Before retiring in 1979, Father Cevetello was pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church for seven years.

He was ordained a priest in 1947 at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark. He served at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Jersey City; Assumption Church, Bayonne; and Mount Carmel Church, Montclair.

In 1964, he was named chaplain and theology instructor to the Phillipini Sisters at Villa Walsh, Morristown. He also served as a theology instructor at Seton Hall University; Seton Hall Prep, South Orange; Immaculate Conception High School, Montclair; and Consolata Theological Seminary, Somerville.

In 1968, Father Cevetello was appointed administrator of Holy Rosary R.C. Church, Jersey City, where he served until being named pastor at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church. Since his

retirement, he had been serving as a weekend assistant at St. John's Church, Lakehurst.

Father Cevetello served as chairman of the Garfield Bicentennial Commission. He was a former chaplain of the Garfield Knights of Columbus; the Garfield Catholic War Veterans; and the Garfield ambulance corps, police, and fire departments. He was a past state chaplain of the Catholic War Veterans and the New Jersey Narcotics Officers Association. He was a past national chaplain of the Women's Auxiliary of the Catholic War Veterans.

Father Cevetello wrote several books, including "The Biography of St. Gerard" and "Lift Up Your Hearts." He also wrote articles for the Garfield Messenger.

Surviving are two brothers, Patrick of Sayreville and Jerome of Sea Bright; and three sisters, Mary Bertone of Union City, Jean Rogers of Lodi, and Frances Woessner of Edison.

A mass will be said Monday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Saddle Brook. Friends may



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visit today and tomorrow from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Aloia Funeral Home, Garfield, and Sunday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church.

Donations to Catholic Missions would be appreciated.