

# Rev. McBarron, 79, ex-Newark pastor

Rev. Maurus Joseph McBarron, OSB, a retired lieutenant colonel in the Army and formerly the pastor at St. Mary's Priory, Newark, died yesterday in the Newark Abbey. He was 79.

A Concelebrated Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. tomorrow in St. Mary's Church, Newark. Arrangements are by the Higgins and Bonner Funeral Home, 414 Westminster Ave., Elizabeth.

Father McBarron served as pastor at St. Mary's Priory from 1967 to 1982. He was then named pastor emeritus and had served in that capacity until his death. In 1965, he was appointed superior of the Benedictine community at St. Mary's Priory and dean of studies at St. Benedict's Prep in Newark. At St. Benedict's, he had taught mathematics and physics from 1935 until 1942, when he enlisted in the Army.

From 1942 to 1945, Father McBarron served as chaplain of the Army's 68th Medical Group. He returned to active duty in 1948 and retired in 1964. A veteran of five military battle campaigns in the European Theater, including the D-Day invasion, he was awarded with the Bronze Star.

Father McBarron was professed a Benedictine monk in 1929 and ordained a priest in 1934 in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Newark. He was a former member of the Priest Senate of the Archdiocese of Newark.

He also had been involved for many years with the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Newark.

Father McBarron was born and raised in Newark.

He is survived by a brother, William, and three sisters, Mrs. Eileen Motzenbecker, Mrs. Ida Weiss and Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell.

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