

# Father O'Connor, Pastor, Editor Dies

Rev. John J. A. O'Connor, 68, the first editor of the Evangelist, Albany Catholic Diocese's weekly newspaper, died yesterday in St. Mary's Hospital after a long illness.

Father O'Connor served as pastor of St. Paul's Parish the last five years. Among his achievements in that parish was the supervision of a \$150,000 building fund campaign that provided for a modern rectory.

Editor of the Evangelist more than 20 years, Father O'Connor was ordained Sept. 16, 1916, by Most Rev. Thomas F. Cusack, D.D., who was then bishop of the diocese. He was a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass.; St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, in Yonkers, and Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

His first pastorate was St. Joseph's Church at Broadalbin. Subsequently he served as pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Albany, and St. Henry's Church, Averill Park.

He was the son of the late John J. and Mary E. Gillen O'Connor and the brother of the late Rev. Leo T. O'Connor.

Survivors include two brothers, George P. and James P. O'Connor, both of Troy; two sisters, Sister Alice Mary, C.S.J. of St. Augustine's Con-



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vent, and Miss Margaret M. O'Connor, Troy.

A Solemn Requiem Mass Coram Episcopo will be celebrated at St. Paul the Apostle's Church at a time to be announced.