

Rev. Thomas N. Ciolino, 75, Dies; Resident Priest of Dunkirk Parish

DUNKIRK — A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 7 p.m. today in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1032 Central Ave., for the Rev. Thomas N. Ciolino, 75, resident priest of the parish and former pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Brant.

Bishop Edward D. Head of the Buffalo Catholic Diocese, who celebrated Mass at Father Ciolino's Golden Jubilee celebration last June, will be the principal celebrant.

Father Ciolino died Monday (April 13, 1987) in Brooks Memorial Hospital. He was taken there after being stricken in Holy Trinity rectory.

A scripture service and rite of interment will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Holy Trinity Church by Auxiliary Bishop Bernard J. McLaughlin. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery, Silver Creek.

Named a pastor in 1946, Father Ciolino first served for 14 years at St. Anthony's Church, Lackawanna, then for 16 years at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Silver Creek and 10 years at Mount Carmel in Brant, retiring there in September 1986.

He was associate at parishes in Batavia, Buffalo, Fredonia and Jamestown.

Born in Buffalo, Father Ciolino graduated from Canisius High School and Niagara University. He trained for the priesthood at Our Lady of the Angels Seminary in Niagara Falls.

In his jubilee homily, Father Ciolino told how his ordination was



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almost "postponed indefinitely because I did something I shouldn't have done: I sent out invitations. We weren't supposed to. The chancellor found out and blew his stack."

But the president of Niagara University spoke with the chancellor, and he was forgiven, Father Ciolino said.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Italian Commissions on Vocations, an organization for encouraging entry into the priesthood. He was a former coordinator for Region 22 of Diocese Parish Groupings.

Survivors include a brother, John of West Seneca and two sisters, Phyllis Urban and Christine Urban, both of Lackawanna.