

Rev. Francis Baumgarten, taught at seminary

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered for the Rev. Francis X. Baumgarten, 84, of West Seneca at 10 a.m. today in Fourteen Holy Helpers Church, 1345 Indian Church Road, West Seneca.



Bishop Edward D. Head of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo will be the chief celebrant at the concelebrated Mass for Father Baumgarten, who died Tuesday (July 4, 1989) in Roswell Park Memorial Institute. He will be buried in Fourteen Holy Helpers Cemetery.

A diocesan priest for 53 years, Father Baumgarten spent much of that time as a faculty member of

the Diocesan Preparatory Seminary, which closed in 1974. He then taught for four years at the former Father Baker High School in Lackawanna. He retired in 1978 when the school closed.

During his teaching years, Father Baumgarten assisted local parishes with daily and weekend liturgies.

He was ordained in Innsbruck, Austria, in 1936 and offered his first Mass of Thanksgiving at Fourteen Holy Helpers, his home parish. In his later years, Father Baumgarten resided with his brother, George N., in West Seneca.

Besides his brother, he is survived by three sisters, Theresa Lombardi of West Seneca, Rita Seivert of Orchard Park and Dorothy Creighton of Buffalo.