

Blood-Program Supporter Repaid



REV. CHARLES S. ROCHFORD

"In all the times I've urged my parishioners to give blood to the Red Cross I never dreamt that I personally would be the recipient of such blood—"

But on Oct. 2 the Rev. Charles S. Rochford, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Church, Mt. Vernon, quite unexpectedly needed large quantities of blood.

Rushed to Mercy Hospital late that night with a ruptured aortic aneurism—a break in the great artery that carries blood out of the heart—he would have died if the Red Cross had not been prepared to replace the blood that he was losing.

An initial shipment of eight pints of O-positive blood was dispatched to the hospital at 12:10 AM. Two hours later a second shipment of six pints was on the way.

Meanwhile, the artery was being repaired surgically.

Today Father Rochford, well on his way to recovery, can't say enough for the Red Cross Blood Program, under which fast action "saved my life."

The program is supported through the United Fund drive now under way.