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Rev. John H. Kean, 60, Pastor Of St. Charles Church in Falls, Dies

A Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for the Rev. John H. Kean, 60, pastor of St. Charles Catholic Church, 5604 Lindbergh Ave., Niagara Falls, will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Paul's Catholic Church, Delaware Avenue and Victoria Boulevard, Kenmore.

Bishop Edward D. Head of the Buffalo Catholic Diocese will be the principal celebrant.

Auxiliary Bishop Bernard J. McLaughlin will celebrate a special Mass for parishioners at 7:30 p.m. today in St. Charles Church, where Father Kean was pastor for the past three years.

Father Kean died Friday (April 3, 1987) in Kenmore Mercy Hospital after a brief illness. He studied for

the priesthood at St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester.

Following ordination on Feb. 2, 1950, in Buffalo, he served as associate at parishes in Salamanca, West Seneca and Jamestown.

Named pastor in 1967, he first served the dual parishes of Joan of Arc in Perrysburg and St. Paul of the Cross, Dayton. He was pastor of Annunciation in Buffalo and St. Timothy's in Tonawanda before assignment to St. Charles.

Born in Lockport, Father Kean was a graduate of Canisius High School and Canisius College. He was chaplain for the Western New York Police Association and Town of Tonawanda Police Benevolent Association.

Surviving are four brothers, Thomas V. of St. Augustine, Texas, James P. of Amherst, Harry P. of Lockport and Russell of Arlington, Va.

