

Msgr. Edward J. Walker, retired pastor

Monsignor Edward J. Walker, retired pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Buffalo, died Thursday (Feb. 28, 2002) in Mercy Hospital, Buffalo, after a brief illness. He was 95.

A Catholic priest for 65 years, Walker had enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest priest in the Buffalo Catholic Diocese. He retired from parish administration in 1981 after serving as pastor of Holy Name Parish for 16 years.

Earlier, he served for 12 years as pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Fredonia, and chaplain of the Newman Club at Fredonia State College.

From 1943 through 1952, Walker was secretary to the late Bishop

Joseph A. Burke.

Early in his ministry, Walker served as an assistant pastor at St. Mark's, St. Nicholas, Immaculate Conception and Annunciation parishes, all in Buffalo. He was a former member of the Priests' Retirement Board.

A Buffalo native, Walker was a graduate of South Park High School, Canisius College and Christ the King Seminary at St. Bonaventure University, Olean.

He was ordained in 1936 in St. Joseph New Cathedral by the late Bishop William Turner.

Walker was named a papal chamberlain in 1951 and a prelate of honor in 1972.

Bishop Henry J. Mansell will be principal celebrant at a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Monday in St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 450 Abbott Road. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lackawanna.

