Msgr. Crowley Dies

The Rosary for Msgr. Fredrick Patrick Crowley, 73, of Atwater, a retired priest of the Fresno Catholic Diocese, will be recited at 8 o'clock tonight in St. John's Cathedral.

Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe will be the chief concelebrant of the Mass of the Resurrection which will be celebrated at 11 a.m. tomorrow in St. John's. He will be buried in the priests' section of Holy Cross Cemetery.

Crowley died Tuesday morning in an Oxnard hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Kerry County, Ireland, and a short time later his family moved to the US. He attended St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kan., and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore.

Crowley was ordained for the Monterey-Fresno Diocese in 1934 and served as an assistant in parishes in San Luis Obispo, Bakersfield, Watsonville and Lemoore. In 1945 he was appointed pastor of the desert parish of Santa Rosa and was transferred in 1948 to Our Lady of Lourde Parish Church in Corcoran, where he built a new church and rectory.

In 1967 Crowley was transferred to St. Anthony's Church in Atwater. The next year Pope Paul VI named him Honorary Prelate and in March, 1971, Crowley retired from active ministry.

Surviving are two brothers, Francis Crowley of New York, and The Rev. George Crowley of Los Gatos; four sisters, Mrs. Nora Hansen of Los Angeles, Sister Josephine of the Holy Family Order of San Jose, Sister Mary Petra of Oxnard, and Sister Mary Paula of the Sisters of Mercy of Burlingame.

Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Directors in charge.

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