James P. O'Flynn

The Rev. James P. O'Flynn, whose 69-year tenure as a priest was the longest of any priest ordained in the Portland Archdiocese, died Wednesday. He was 94.

Born in County Wexford, Ireland, he studied philosophy at the Jesuit School in Limerick and theology at St. Patrick Seminary in Thuries. Following his ordination in 1910, he received his first assignment in Oregon, as assistant pastor of St. Lawrence Parish in Portland.

He subsequently served as pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Beaverton, St. Charles in Portland and St. Peter, St. Rita, Assumption, St. Lawrence and Blessed Sacrament, where he served until his retirement in 1966. He celebrated the 69th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on July 25, 1979.

Father O'Flynn was one of the early directors of the Catholic Truth Society of Oregon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday in the chapel of Mount Saint Joseph Residence, which was his home for the past 12 years.

Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Friday at the residence.

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