

Rev. Father Robert L. Heintz

Godfrey | Monday, March 26 2012

Rev. Father Robert L. Heintz, a priest of the Diocese of Springfield, Illinois died Monday, March 26, 2012 at the Fountains in Godfrey.

Father Heintz was born on March 6, 1916 in Alton, IL, the son of Charles A. and Mary (Weaver) Heintz.

He attended SS. Peter and Paul School and Marquette High School. Having graduated “Summa Cum Laude” from the University of Notre Dame, he pursued graduate studies at Notre Dame, Fordham and St. Louis Universities before completing four years of Theology at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. Father was ordained priest in the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Springfield April 17, 1949 by Bishop William O’Connor.



After serving as assistant in Effingham, Paris and Taylorville, Illinois, Father Heintz served as chaplain of St. Anthony’s Hospital, Alton, 1959-1960. He was appointed pastor of St. Ididore Parish, Bethany, St. Mary’s, Lovington and Sacred Heart, Dalton City, while directing the Decatur Office of Catholic Charities and serving as chaplain of the Newman Foundation at Milliken University. In 1967 Father was named pastor of Holy Ghost Parish, Jerseyville, and St. Mary’s, Fieldon. In 1976 he was appointed pastor of St. Anthony’s Parish, Effingham and Dean of the Effingham Deanery. From 1984 to 1987 Father served as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Granite City. He then retired from administrative work to serve in supply ministry in area parishes. In addition to parish work Father filled leadership roles on the Diocesan level as a member of the Board of Consulters of the Diocesan School Board, as a longtime member of the Priest Council, as a member of the Priest Personnel Board and the Diocesan Newspaper Board.

He is survived by a brother, William E. Heintz of Bethalto; nineteen nieces and nephews and, great nieces and nephews and a brother-in-law Jack Kruegel of Alton.

In addition to his parents, Father Heintz was preceded in death by four brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles & Mary Heintz, Frank & Velma Heintz, John & Betty Heintz, Victor & Audrey Heintz, two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary (Heintz) & Antone Kremer and Katherine (Heintz) Kruegel; two nieces and two nephews.

In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 4 to 7 pm Wednesday March 28, 2012 at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton where a prayer service will be held at 6:30 pm with Fr. Delix Michel SSL.

Visitation will continue from 9:30 am until 10:30 am Thursday March 29, 2012. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am Thursday March 29, 2012 with Bishop Thomas John Paprocki, Monsignor Richard Lubeley, and Fr. Delix Michel SSL concelebrating.

Interment will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey.

Memorials may be made to Masses or Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton.

Online condolences and guest book may be found at www.staten-fine.com