

# Rev. Joseph Maurice O'Farrell

## 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1912-14; 22-25



Joseph Maurice O'Farrell was born 1877 in Ayton, Ontario, Canada to Andrew and Johanna Fitzgerald O'Farrell.

After grade school course at Aytom, Ontario, he studied successively at LaSalle College, Toronto and Grand Seminary in Montreal.

After he arrived in the United States in 1895 he attended Mt. Angel College in Oregon, where he passed the two final years of his preparation for the priesthood. Minor Orders and the Sub diaconate were conferred upon him in 1905 by the Most Reverend Archbishop Christie. He was raised to the Diaconate early in 1906 and on Feb. 3, 1906, was ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral, in Portland. Father O'Farrell celebrated his first Solemn Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday,

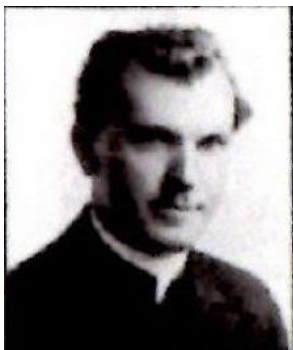
Feb. 4, at 11 o'clock and becomes St Mary's eighth pastor in 1906.

In 1907 Father O'Farrell moves to a parish in Eugene and under his leadership directed the building of the former church at Eugene and the school.

During Father O'Farrell's more than 38 years in the priesthood, he served as pastor at Eugene, held two year pastoraies at Medford and Woodburn between 1911 and 1915, St. Rose in Portland and Blessed Sacrament parish, to which he was appointed by Most Reverend Archbishop Howard April 27, 1932.

Rev. O'Farrell was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1912-14 and again from 1922-25.

Rev. Joseph M O'Farrell died on December 5, 1944 in Portland, OR and is buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR.



*"The Knights of Columbus can expect to prosper and fulfill the end for which they were organized only by keeping in view the fact that Holy Church requires their complete adherence to her rules." Rev. OFarrell State Convention, May 13, 1913, Portland, OR*

