

# Rev. Michael J. Raleigh

## 17<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1942-43



Michael J. Raleigh was born May 27, 1902 in Chicago, IL to John and Catherine Raleigh.

He attended St. Mary of the Lake Seminary at Mundelein, IL and St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Portland March 29, 1936.

Following his ordination he was associate pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish, Milwaukie from 1936-39, and at St. Joseph Parish, Salem, from 1939-40, when he received his first pastorate at St. Patrick Parish, Canby.

In 1943 he was named administrator of St. Catherine of Siena Parish at Veneta. In 1944 he returned to St. John Parish, Milwaukie, as pastor. In 1946, he was named pastor at St. John the Apostle Parish,

Oregon City.

From 1951-56 he was on leave of absence, returning to become administrator at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Rainier. Later that year he became administrator of St. Augustine Parish, Lincoln City. From 1958-59 he was administrator at St. Therese Parish, Portland, and from 1959-62 was administrator at St. Francis Parish, Portland. From 1962-63 he was chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, and 1963-64 was chaplain at Christie Home at Marylhurst.

In 1964 he returned to parish work and was pastor 1964-65 at St. Anthony Parish, Waldport. From 1965-68 he was administrator at St. Mary Parish, Florence, and served from 1968-72 as chaplain at St. Catherine Nursing Home, North Bend.

He retired June 1, 1972, and became chaplain at Dammasch Hospital, Wilsonville, until retiring from that position in August, 1975. Following his retirement, he continued to assist in parishes with daily and weekend schedules.

Rev. Raleigh was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1942-43.

Rev. Michael J. Raleigh died April 12, 1979 in Portland, OR. He is buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR.



*"I urge further participation by members throughout the state in Catholic Action." Rev. Michael J. Raleigh, State Convention, May 13, 1942, Pendleton, OR*

