

Rev. John James Walsh

20th State Chaplain of Oregon 1947-48



John James Walsh was born on May 8, 1906, in Adair, IA, to Edward and Mary Dolan Walsh, Father Walsh was raised in Iowa and attended college in Des Moines for two years and then spent two years at the University of Notre Dame.

After college he attended St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, CO., and finished the last two years of his studies in Rome. He was ordained in Rome on March 19, 1937 by Cardinal Marchetti.

Rev. Walsh then returned to Portland where his first assignment was as assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral. In 1942 he moved to Monroe where he was pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish for two years. From there he went to Silverton where he was pastor of St. Paul Parish until 1952.



Rev. Walsh's next assignment brought him to Portland, where he was pastor at Holy Family Parish until 1970. He was responsible for erection of a school with the church on the ground floor, a rectory, convent and gymnasium.

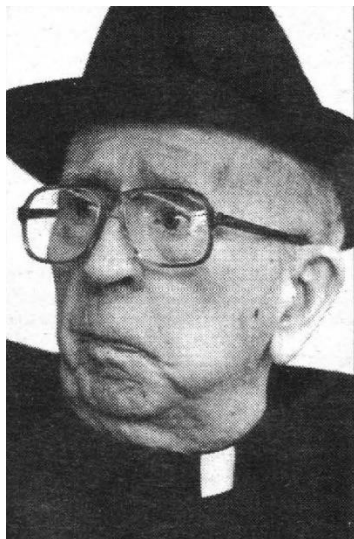
Rev. Walsh then spent a year as pastor of St. Edward Parish in Keizer, followed by a year at St. Augustine's in Lincoln City. He then pastored in Reedsport at St. John the Apostle Parish for three months before becoming the chaplain at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House in Beaverton.

Rev. Walsh was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1947-48.

Rev. Walsh retired in 1974 at the Mount St. Joseph Residence.

Rev. John James Walsh died October 25, 1994 in Portland, OR. He is buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR.





“As the years rolls by, many of our members suddenly realize that they have sons ready to be accepted into their ranks. The example given by act or word in or out of Council meetings should be always that for which they can be forever proud. That is Columianism, FIRST, LAST and ALWAYS.” Rev. John Walsh, K of C State Convention, May 16, 1948, Bend, OR

