

# Rev. Louis Henry Sohler

## 22<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1950-54



Louis Henry Sohler was born October 20, 1910 in Bank, OR to Wendelin and Anna Pranger Sohler.

He attended St. Joseph College in Mountain View, CA, and St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, CA, where he graduated in 1935. He then studied theology at St. Edward Seminary in Kenmore, WA. and graduated in 1939.

Louis Sohler was ordained as a priest for the Portland Archdiocese by Archbishop Edward Howard on June 3, 1939 at St. Mary Cathedral.

Following his ordination Rev. Sohler was associate pastor at St. Mary Parish, Eugene, until 1944. During those years and again in 1947, he was Newman Center chaplain at the University of Oregon.

In 1944 Rev. Sohler was named pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Cottage Grove. Three years later he became the first pastor of St. Alice Parish, Springfield. While at Springfield he was the mid-Willamette Valley Scout Chaplain and was awarded the St. George Medal for outstanding service to scouting. His association with this parish would continue for more than 30 years until 1978 when he moved near his birthplace to be pastor at St. Anthony Parish, Forest Grove.

He retired in 1978 and became the pastor emeritus.

Rev. Sohler was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1950–54.

Rev. Louis Henry Sohler died August 13, 1986 at his home in Forest Grove, OR after returning from the annual clergy convention held at the University of Portland.

He is buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR.





*“Catholics do not believe the same, in fact do not even talk the same language as those who are not of the same Faith. Words, terms and phrases with which you grew up and which are as commonplace to you as sugar in your coffee are meaningless to them. Catholics and non-Catholics have grown far apart in this fast moving world of words.” Rev. Louis Sohler, September 24, 1953, Springfield, OR*

