

# Rev. Charles Eunan Buckley OFM Cap.

## 26<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1960-62



Charles Eunan Buckley was born July 17, 1902 in Blarney, Ireland to Cornelius and Catherine Buckley.

He joined the Capuchin Franciscans in October 1922 and took Eunan as his religious name. He was ordained to the priesthood in Cork, Ireland on June 29, 1930.

His initial ministry was in Holy Trinity Church in Cork, Ireland but he was transferred to a United States mission in 1931. In September 1936, St. Patrick's Friary in Wilmington, Delaware, was officially designated as a novitiate and Rev. Eunan was



appointed the first Novice Master. He held this position until early September 1938 when he returned to Ireland.

During the World War II he served as a chaplain in the Royal Air Force from 1943 to 1947 and held rank equivalent to that of a major. Following the conclusion of hostilities, he returned to the United States in 1948.

From 1956 to 1959 he was Pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Fort Bragg, CA. In 1959 he was transferred as Pastor to St. Joseph's Parish in Roseburg, OR. In 1961 St. Joseph Parish celebrated its 100th birthday, the next year in 1962, Rev. Buckley purchased additional property, and plans were made for the erection of a suitable Church.

He returned to Fort Bragg, CA as Associate Pastor in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in 1964. After several years of ministry there, he was appointed to Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame, CA.

Rev. Buckley was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1960-62.

Rev. Buckley suffered a severe stroke in 1970 which ended his years in active ministry. Rev. Charles Eunan Buckley died on October 15, 1974 in Burlingame, CA

He is buried at the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery Colma, CA.

*"We are living in an age of confused ideas and distorted values, calling for a dedicated response from the Catholic layman. We have every reason to believe that the Knights of Columbus are ready to meet the challenge of the present age." Rev. Eunan Buckley, July 27, 1961, Roseburg, OR*

