

Very Rev. Carl Mai

28th State Chaplain of Oregon 1964-65



Carl Mai was born October 15, 1900 in Eislingen Fils, Wurttemberg, Germany. He attended elementary school at Eislingen and high school and college at Lochau.

Carl was drafted as a German soldier in World War I. After the war he studied philosophy and theology at Passau, Bavaria, where he was ordained a priest of the Society of the Divine Savior on April 11, 1926.

As a Salvadorian missionary, he went in 1926 to China where he served until the late 1930's, when he came to the United States.

In the Archdiocese of Portland, Rev. Mai was pastor first at Shaw, in 1938-40 and later, 1945-46, at Scio and Jefferson. He was incardinated as a diocesan priest on June 11, 1946 and became assistant at Sublimity that year. He also served as assistant at Jordan before his appointment as pastor at Cottage Grove on August 30, 1951.

On August 29, 1957, Rev. Mai became pastor of Sacred Heart Parish at Medford, serving there until Sept. 7, 1965, when he was named pastor of Holy Trinity Parish at Beaverton. August 30, 1966 he became pastor at St. Wenceslaus in Scappoose, OR.

Rev. Mai was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1964–65.

Rev. Carl Mai died on May 9, 1967 in Mt Angel, OR of an unexpected heart attack.

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



"Have you, Sir Knights, ever reflected on the dignity and what the title of Knight signifies? It stands for all that is noble, upright and pure in the character of true manhood." Rev Carl Mai, December 25, 1964

