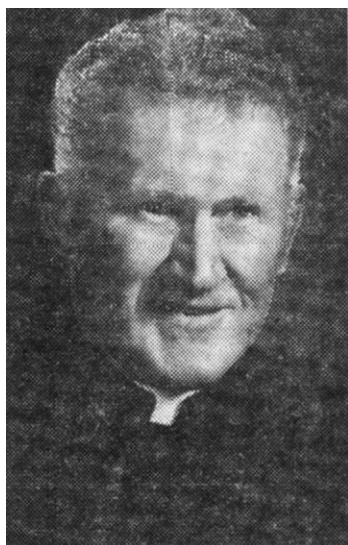


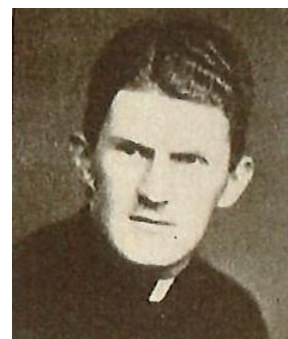
Rev. John Jeremiah Reedy

29th State Chaplain of Oregon 1965-67



John Jeremiah was born October 27, 1908 in Portland, OR. He attended Columbia Prep High School in Portland and then in 1927 began college at St. Joseph College in Mountain View, CA. He later attended St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, CA and was ordained on June 9, 1935, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland by Archbishop Edward Howard.

Rev Reedy's first assignment was as assistant pastor at St. Joseph Parish, Salem and as well as athletic director at Sacred Heart Academy, from 1935 until 1939, when he became a chaplain at the Oregon State Correctional Institution in Salem. He served



there for four years until he was appointed pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Estacada. He was there a year when the Second World War began.

In 1944 he served in the Army as Chaplain in the Aleutian Islands until 1946. After the war, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary Parish in Corvallis, where he served from 1946 until 1950. At that time he was appointed pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Salem, OR. When the parish member count reached 1,000, he began fund-raising and purchased land for a new parish. That was the start of St. Edward in Keizer, dedicated in 1968. He stayed at a St. Vincent de Paul Parish until his retirement in 1979.

Rev. Reedy was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1965–67.

As a chaplain and parish priest, he presided at baptisms, weddings and funerals in numbers no one can count. He was prone to visit homes and meet with parishioners for conversation that tended to lighten their hearts and build up their faith.

After his retirement, Rev. Reedy took up residence at St. Joseph Parish in Salem, where he remained active until his move to St. John Vianney Priests' Retirement Residence in Beaverton in 1993. In the last few years, declining health prompted his move to Maryville Nursing Home.

On October 27, 2008, Rev. Reedy celebrated his 100th birthday. A month later on November 11, 2008 Rev. John J. Reedy died in Beaverton, OR.

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



"Each of us has a talent and insight that God gave us and it is our duty to use it in the service of God and service of men. We as Knights of Columbus are a lay apostolate of our faith and the example we set will be the opinions of others." Rev. John Reedy, May 27, 1966, State Convention, Coos Bay, OR

