Rev. Carl Edward Wachter 30th State Chaplain of Oregon 1967-69



Carl Edward Wachter was born January 27, 1913 in Litchville, ND to Andrew and Maria Heilig Wachter.

He attended Mount Angel Seminary High School and College. He attended St. Edward Seminary in Kenmore, WA from 1936 to 1939. He was ordained May 3, 1939, by Archbishop Edward Howard.

Following his ordination, Rev. Wachter was an associate pastor for the summer at St. Rose Parish, Monroe, and Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harrisburg. He then was assigned to St. John Parish, Milwaukie, where he remained until September 1943, when he became the pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Vanport. On Memorial Day weekend in 1948,

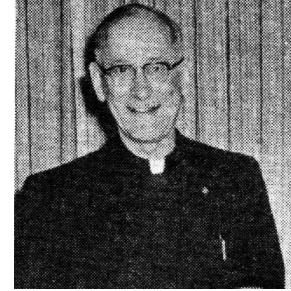
the city of Vanport was washed away in a Sunday afternoon flood of the Columbia River. Archbishop Howard had decided it would not be wise to build a permanent church, school or rectory there. Rev. Wachter had offered two Masses in the gymnasium and an early Mass in the chapel of his apartment. After the flood, Rev. Wachter lived at Holy Rosary rectory and assisted former members of the Vanport parish until later that year when he was named pastor at St. Edward Parish, Lebanon, where he remained until 1951. He then served three years as pastor of St. Monica Parish, Coos Bay.

In 1954, Rev. Wachter was named pastor at St. John Parish, Milwaukie, where he remained until 1968 when he became pastor at Holy Cross Parish, Portland. In August, 1980, he became the chaplain at Mount St. Joseph Residence and Extended Care Center, Portland. He retired three years later in 1983.

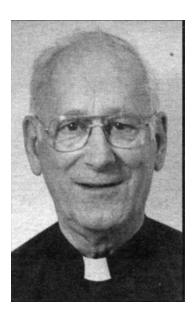
Rev. Wachter was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1967–69.

Rev. Carl Edward Wachter died on January 13, 1992 at the Maryville Nursing Home in Beaverton, OR.

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







"This anniversary of the birth of Christ, we would like to remind all of the Knights of Columbus, that we too are looking ahead to a new birth in interest and activity in Columbianism. To bring this about, we must arouse our interest and enthusiasm in the order." Rev. Carl E. Wachter, December 1, 1967