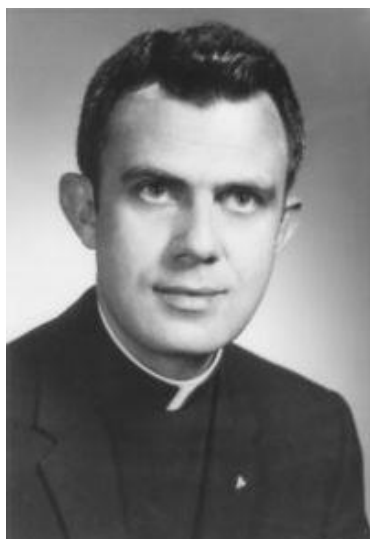


Rev. Joseph Peter Browne, C.S.C.

31st, 33rd, 39th, State Chaplain of Oregon 1969-71, 72-73, 83-85



Joseph Peter Browne was born June 12, 1929 in Detroit, MI to George and Mary Fahy Browne.

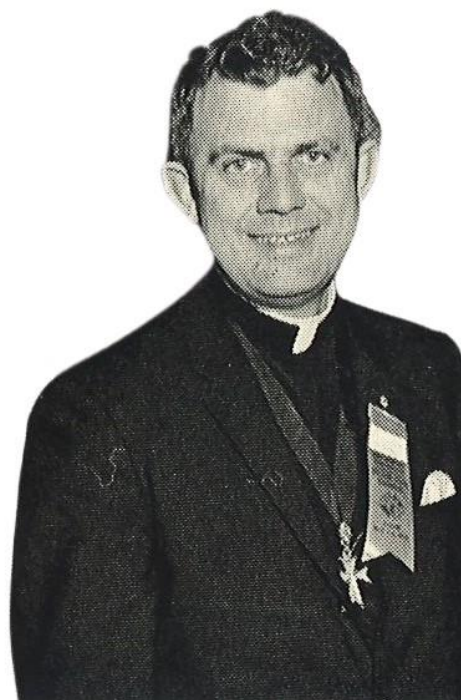
He graduated from De LaSalle Collegiate High School in 1946. Later that summer, he entered the University of Notre Dame and was received into the Congregation on August 15, 1947. Rev. Browne professed first vows on August 16, 1948, and returned to Notre Dame, graduating in 1951.

Rev. Browne studied theology at Holy Cross College, Washington, D.C., and was he ordained to the priesthood in Detroit by Edward Cardinal Mooney on June 4, 1955 with his brother George who was a seminarian in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

After assisting at Holy Cross Parish, South Bend, from 1955-1956, he went to Rome to do graduate work in theology at the Angelicum, receiving his S.T.L. in 1957 and an S.T.D. in October 1960. He returned to teach theology at Holy Cross College from 1959-1964.

Rev. Browne was assigned to live at the Foreign Mission Seminary in Washington in 1961. He took classes at the Catholic University, which led to a master's degree in Library Science in May 1965. In September 1964, Rev. Browne was assigned to the University of Portland, where he served as Chairman of the Department of Library Science and Director of the Wilson Clark Memorial Library. In June 1973, Rev. Browne became Chairman of the Department of Library Science at Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, Texas, where he served until 1975.

He returned to Portland where he was again Director of the Library until he retired in 1994. He then became Pastor of St. Birgitta parish in Portland for the next ten years. During his many years in Portland, he was also a member of the Presbyteral Council and the College of Consultors of the Archdiocese of Portland. He also served as vicar for the Columbia County Vicariate. Rev. Browne was a nationally recognized expert in the field of parliamentary procedure.



After suffering a stroke in September 2004, he moved back to the Holy Cross Community at the University of Portland. He moved to Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, IN in 2009.

Rev. Browne was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain three different times, 1969–71, 72-73 and 83-85.

Rev. Joseph Peter Browne died on October 30, 2016 at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, IN.

He is buried at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Notre Dame, IN.



“The role of the pastor was a good one for me, I had spent most of my priesthood in jobs which had little to do with the saving of souls.” Rev. Joseph P. Browne

