

Rev. William Sherald Stone

46th State Co-Chaplain of Oregon 1995-96



William Sherald Stone was born April 28, 1916 in Athena, OR to Dr. Alvin and Gertrude Burnham Stone.

He grew up in The Dalles, OR where he attended St. Mary's Academy. After two years at the University of Portland, he entered St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore, WA and was ordained to the priesthood on June 15, 1943.

He served as assistant pastor for four years at the Baker City Cathedral and three years at Klamath Falls with a year at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., receiving a masters of arts degree. After 20 months as pastor of Dufur, OR he was assigned to the Chancery Office to assist and teach at St. Francis Academy and work in the chancery archives.

In the summer of 1953, he became pastor of Chiloquin, and in January 1955, became the first resident pastor of St. Patrick Church in Madras, OR including the Warm Springs Indian Reservation where he remained until October 1961. Rev. Stone then became pastor of Milton-Freewater, and in 1969 transferred to Redmond. That was followed by an assignment to Lakeview, then to the pastorate of St. Peter Church in The Dalles. He moved to the Dufur parish in 1981.

He served at Diocesan Superintendent of Schools from 1949 to 1962, from 1973 to 1977, and for an additional three years on a part-time basis after the Chancery office moved to Bend. He was named a Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor in 1980.

He retired in 1983 to Redmond, then moved back to The Dalles in 1999. In 1994, he received the Bishop Francis Leipzig Award from the Archdiocese Historical Commission of Oregon. He authored the historical book "The Cross in the Middle of Nowhere, The History of the Catholic Church in Eastern Oregon." The book offered the story of every parish and every priest to serve in the vast territory.

Rev. Stone was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Co-Chaplin 1995–96 with Rev. Todd J. Unger.

Rev. William Sherald Stone died on October 15, 2001 from a stroke in The Dalles, OR.

He is buried at the Saint Peters Parish Center Cemetery in The Dalles, OR.

"If there is one thing I've learned it is that people all over eastern Oregon are worth knowing." Rev. William S. Stone, June 1993, The Dalles

