

May 11, 2001

Father Kenan Crowley, OFM Cap



Father Kenan was born Nov. 1, 1917, in Ellwood City, Pa. He was given the name Robert at Baptism. He took the name Kenan at the time of his investiture in the Capuchin Order in 1938. He was ordained May 18, 1944, by the Most Reverend John McNamara, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore, at what is now the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

His parish assignments in Kansas included: St. John and SS. Cyril and Methodius, two rural parishes near Atwood (1950-51); St. John, Bazine and St. Ignatius, Nonchalanta (1957-58); St. Joseph, Hays (1958-60); Our Lady Help of Christians, Antonino (1960-65); and St. Francis, Munjor (1965-68). He also served in parishes in Dover, Ohio; Puerto Rico and Cumberland, Md.

Father Kenan was certified as an acute care hospital chaplain. His hospital and nursing care chaplaincies included: Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling, W. Va.; and these institutions in Pennsylvania: McKeesport Hospital, McKeesport; Passavant Hospital, North Hills, Pittsburgh; Saint Francis Hospital, New Castle; Kane Regional Nursing Center, McKeesport; and West Penn Hospital and Saint Francis Medical Center, Pittsburgh.

He retired on Jan. 30, 2000. When cancer took its toll, he entered McKeesport Hospital where he remained until his death on May 11, 2001 at the age of 83.

Deacon Thomas Crowley, his brother, led the wake service at St. Augustine Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. Father Paul Kuppe, provincial, celebrated the funeral. Burial was at St. Augustine Cemetery, Shaler Township, Pa.