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Father Charles Dugan



Father Dugan was born Dec. 13, 1910, in Towanda, Pa. He studied for the priesthood at St. Mary's College, St. Mary, Ky; St. Bonaventure University, Allegany, N.Y.; and St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Ind. He was ordained April 11, 1944 for the Diocese of Wichita by the Archbishop Thomas Molloy in St. James Pro-Cathedral in Brooklyn, N.Y.

He did post-graduate work at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., before serving in a brief chaplaincy at St. Rose Hospital in Great Bend (1944-45). He served as an assistant pastor at St. Patrick, Wichita (1945-47) before serving in an eleven year chaplaincy post in Hutchinson at St. Elizabeth's Mercy Hospital and at the Kansas State Industrial Reformatory (1947-58).

In 1958 Father Dugan was granted a sick leave and returned to active ministry several times. He was assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Derby, when he died Feb. 24, 1966, at the age of 54. Bishop Byrne celebrated his funeral at St. Mary's Church in Derby. Burial was in St. Charles Cemetery, Farmingdale, N.Y.