

April 5, 1988

Father Hugh Rauwolf, OFM Cap



Father Hugh (Leopold Rauwolf) was born May 3, 1899, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was invested in the Capuchin habit in 1921. He pronounced his solemn vows July 14, 1925, and was ordained by the Most Reverend Michael Curley, archbishop of Baltimore, on June 15, 1926, at SS. Peter and Paul Friary, Cumberland, Md.

His first assignment was as a teacher at St. Fidelis Seminary, Herman, Pa. After 1930, Father Hugh left his mark in pastoral ministry, and served in all aspects of parish life. He was called upon at various times to serve the local fraternities as superior, vicar and librarian.

He served in the Pennsylvania parishes of St. Timothy, Indianola; St. Cecilia, Rochester; St. Prudentiana, North Rochester; and St. Mary, Herman; then St. Ambrose, Cresaptown, Md.; St. Elizabeth, Roswell, Ohio; St. Alphonsus, Wheeling, W.Va.; and Sacred Heart, Charleston, W.Va.

In the Dodge City diocese, Father Hugh worked out of Ness City from 1937 to 1939, and served as pastor at St. John's, Bazine, and St. Ignatius, Nonchalanta. Also in Kansas, he was pastor at St. Fidelis, Victoria (1966-68).

He was an Army Chaplain with an overseas hospital unit during World War II (1943-46).

Father Hugh was on active duty up to the moment of his death. On April 5, 1988, he died in a traffic accident in Pittsburgh where he was serving as chaplain at the Vincen-tian Sisters Motherhouse. He was nearly 89.

Father Francis Fugini, provincial, celebrated the funeral Mass at St. Cecilia's Church, Rochester, Pa. Burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery, Millvale, Pa.