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Father Louis Telegdy, CPPS



Father Telegdy was born Feb. 5, 1911, at Uniontown, Pa. He began his studies with the Society of the Precious Blood in 1933 at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind., and made his religious profession there on Dec. 8, 1934. He was ordained March 8, 1942 by Bishop George Rehring of Cincinnati at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen, Ohio.

He was appointed associate pastor at St. John, Whiting, Ind., (1942-1951). There he developed a special interest in youth ministry. For a short term he served as chaplain at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Two other assignments as associate pastor placed him at St. Patrick, Richmond, Va., and Our Lady of Good Counsel, Cleveland, Ohio. He was also a substitute for two years at St. James, Underwood, Minn.

As pastor, Father Telegdy served in Minnesota at Annunciation, Mayhew Lake, and St. James, Maine. While pastor of St. Francis, Mystic, Iowa, he supervised the construction of a new rectory, adding his own expertise in woodworking. Moving to Wisconsin, he filled pastorates at St. John, Rib Lake, and St. Anthony, Park Falls.

While pastor of St. Mary, Garden City (1966-68), he served on the Diocesan Board of Consultors - a CPPS first. In Kentucky he served at St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis; Sacred Heart, Russellville; and St. Pius X, Calvert City.

He retired in 1984 after serving six years as chaplain with the California Youth Authority in Stockton.

Father Telegdy died in the infirmary at St. Charles, Carthagen. The funeral was celebrated by Father Anthony Gamble, a classmate. Burial was at Carthagen.