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Roman Catholic Diocese Mourns Death of Rev. Robert Egan

Priest of nearly 51 years served several parishes

Rev. Robert M. Egan, a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester since 1954, died Tuesday, May 17, at the age of 83. Father Egan, who retired from active ministry in 1997, had been residing in Auburn, NY.

A native of Auburn, Father Egan was born June 2, 1922. He was baptized at Holy Family Church in Auburn, and was later confirmed at his home parish of St. Alphonsus, also in Auburn.

In 1954, following the completion of his studies at St. Bernard's Seminary, Father Egan was ordained a priest. Just weeks after his ordination, he was named Assistant Pastor at Blessed Sacrament Church, Rochester. Four years later he moved east, to Waterloo, to serve as Assistant Pastor of St. Mary Church. In 1959 he was back in Rochester to serve as Assistant Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, where he stayed until being appointed to serve in a similar capacity at St. Jerome Church, East Rochester, in 1962. Father Egan's final assignment as Assistant Pastor came in 1967, when he was appointed to serve the parishioners of St. John's, in Clyde.

In 1972, Father Egan was named Pastor of St. Bernard's in Scipio Center, and of the missions in Genoa and Fleming. Nine years later, he was named Pastor of St. Anthony's, in Groton, where he served for 16 years, until his retirement in 1997.

Fr. Egan will lie in state Sunday, May 22, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm at St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, NY. Evening Prayer will be on Sunday evening at 7:00 pm at St. Alphonsus.

Father will lie in state on Monday at St. Alphonsus Church from 10:00 - 11:30 am and his funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 am, with Bishop Matthew Clark presiding.