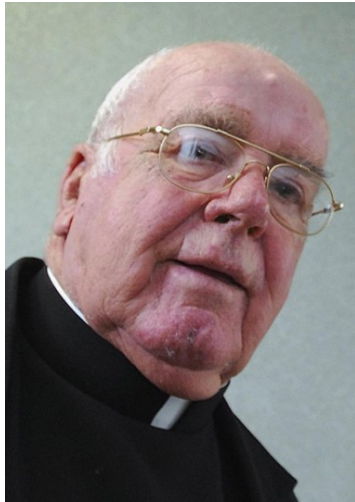


FATHER OWEN GOODWIN, SS.CC.

1929—2015



Reverend Owen F. Goodwin, ss.cc. a priest for 61 years, peacefully went home to his Lord on Friday, February 6, 2015 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center. He was a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Fr. Owen was born in Providence, RI, a son of the late Owen F. and Annie (Farrelly) Goodwin. He graduated from Blessed Sacrament School class of 1944 and La Salle Academy class of 1947, both in Providence. In preparation for the priesthood, he entered the Novitiate of the Congregation at Fairhaven, MA. He studied in the seminaries in Wareham, MA., Washington DC, and Our Lady Queen of Peace Seminary, Jaffrey, NH, where he was ordained on September 21, 1954 by the late Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady,

D.D. Bishop of Manchester, NH. He celebrated his first Mass in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, his childhood parish and appropriately to where he will return for his Mass of Christian Burial.

During Father's priestly years he served his church and community in many capacities; first, as a Vocational Director in Ireland for eight years before returning to the Northeast US and continued in that position for the next ten years. With the permission of his Provincial, he entered the Chaplaincy Services of the Federal Veterans Hospitals, Palo Alto, CA, Pittsburgh, PA and the Providence Veterans Medical Center. He retired after fifteen years of V.A. Hospital Service. Although retired, he continued to serve the Diocese of Providence. Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, DD, Bishop of Providence appointed him to be the Chaplin of the De La Salle Christian Brothers Community in Narragansett, RI and at the same time Father said many of the Catholic Committal Prayers at the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Exeter, RI. He also assisted at many South County parishes. He was a 3rd degree member of the K of C since 1964. He was the chaplain of St. Francis Council K of C # 2011, North Kingstown, from 1996 2006. He was also the chaplain of the A.O.H. The late Providence Fire Chief Michael F. Moise appointed Father chaplain for the Providence Fire Department.

Besides being survived by his beloved priestly community, he is survived by four sisters, Jane A Goodwin and Ann F. Masse, both of Warwick, Ellen M. Myers of Providence, and Catherine M. Murphy of East Greenwich and a brother, Thomas N. Goodwin, of North Providence. He was the brother of the late Mary U. Sweeney, Edward J., Peter K., and Ellen Goodwin. Fathers funeral will be held on Thursday, at 9:30 am, from the Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Home, 331 Smith Street, Providence. Concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 179 Academy Avenue, Providence. Graveside burial will follow in Saint Ann Cemetery, Cranston. Visiting hours Wednesday, 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to Sacred Hearts Missions, P.O. Box 111, Fairhaven, MA 02719-0111 in Fathers memory would be appreciated.