

Fr. Charles Anthony KAPP 95 USA

* March 24, 1891, Philadelphia + Nov. 15, 1986 Pittsburgh

He attended St. Alphonse's parochial school in his native town before going to Cornwells in 1909. Six years later he made his profession at Ferndale Aug. 21, 1915. His senior studies also were done in Ferndale, where on Oct. 24, 1919 he received the priesthood.

His first assignment took him to Blessed Sacrament parish, Philadelphia in 1920, but four years later he became pastor of St. Peter Claver's, Detroit. Next, he served in the same capacity at Sacred Heart in the same city till 1938. He loved his work in these black parishes and the people reciprocated by organizing a farewell party for him when they got word of his transfer to St. Anthony's, Millvale, PA.

His pastorate in this Pittsburgh suburb lasted thirty-one years, surpassing that of his predecessor, Fr. Louis Spannagel, who had served for twenty-seven years.

When he retired in 1970 at the age of 79, some people were loath to see him leave, but he soothed them by saying that he would stay on for some time to help the transition and clear up the debts the parish had incurred for the new buildings constructed under him. So it was only the following year that he went into retirement at St. Joachim's, Detroit.

As his infirmities increased, he was transferred in 1979 to the Vincentian Home in Pittsburgh. There he could celebrate his diamond jubilee as a priest, the 70th anniversary of his profession and his 95th birthday. He died there of a heart disease. Interment took place at St. Anthony's cemetery in Millvale.

The people remembered him as a devoted and wonderful pastor, and the Congregation as a fine community man.