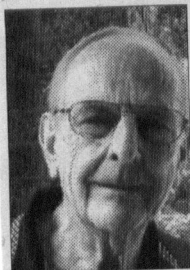


## Rev. Paul Link

Fr. Paul Link, C.P.P.S., died at St. Charles Center in Carthage on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at the age of 78. He had been in failing health.



Fr. Link was born on March 4, 1931, in Coldwater, to Aloysius and Caroline (Anthony) Link. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1949 and was ordained on June 19, 1961. Fr. Link ministered for many years in California. After his ordination he served as associate pastor of St. Barnabas Church, Alameda; then as chaplain of the Christian Brothers retreat house in St. Helena and of Memorial Hospital, Santa Rosa. In 1970 he was named associate pastor of St. Anthony Church in Manteca, then became pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in East Palo Alto in 1974. In 1978, he was named chaplain of the Sonoma State Hospital in Sonoma. Fr. Link was elected provincial director of the Province of the Pacific of the C.P.P.S. in 1982. After two terms he returned to parish ministry at St. Anthony Church in Manteca. In 1991 he was named pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church in Bagdad, Ariz., and also ministered at St. Mary's Institute in O'Fallon, Mo., from 1996 until his retirement in 2000. Since then he made his home at St. Charles Center.

Survivors include a brother, Fr. Mark Link, S.J., of Chicago; and three sisters, Rose Mary Schmit of Marshall, Mich., Sr. Carolyn Link, C.P.P.S., of Dayton and Gertrude (Don) Kiley of Ormond Beach, Fl.; and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Deceased are one brother, Anthony (Jane) Link, and a brother-in-law, Ralph Schmit.

In addition to his ministries, Fr. Link was an author and Community historian who loved delving into his research. Among his works were *A Time to Sow and a Time to Reap* (1990), a biography of Fr. Patrick Hennebry, C.P.P.S., the founder of the California Province; *For God and Country* (1993), a collection of correspondence from C.P.P.S. chaplains in World War II; and *South American Venture* (1997), a history of the Chilean Vicariate. He was at work on a biography of St. Gaspar when he fell ill. Fr. Link was "a man who took his spiritual life seriously, a man of prayer," said Fr. Jerome Stack, C.P.P.S., who served with him in the Province of the Pacific. "He led the province during times of serious financial difficulty and always tried to fulfill his responsibilities faithfully and thoroughly."

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday, June 1, 2009, at 2 p.m. at St. Charles Center, with Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., presiding. Burial followed in the Community cemetery. Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry handled the arrangements.