

## **The Rev. Joseph Pax**

The Rev. Joseph Pax, C.P.P.S., 85, of St. Charles Center in Carthagen, died April 14, 2007, at Kindred Hospital, in Dayton, of injuries sustained in a traffic accident on Jan. 8, 2007.



He was born June 18, 1921, in Celina, a son of Leo and Gertrude (Jenniges) Pax, and they preceded him in death.

He is survived by two sisters, Lucille Bub of San Diego, Calif., Trudy Pak of Sauk Center, Minn.; two brothers, Robert (Dorothy) Pax of St. Henry, Ralph (Mary) Pax of Mason, Mich.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, two brothers, Roman Pax and The Rev. Maurus Pax, OFM, and a sister, Esther Winoven, also preceded him in death.

The Reverend entered the community in 1935 and was ordained May 15, 1947 at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagen.

He spent his first two years as a priest in parish ministry in Sedalia, Mo., Lewistown, Penn., and Detroit. He was then sent to Brunnerdale, the congregation's high school seminary in Canton, where he taught Latin for more than two decades. While at Brunnerdale he also served as director of brothers and vice-rector. In 1972, he was named chaplain at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima.

He returned to parish ministry in 1973 when he was named pastor of St. Augustine Church in Minster. In 1983, he became pastor of St. Rose Church in St. Rose, and in 1987, moved to St. Henry where he was named pastor of St. Henry Church until 1994, when he became a chaplain for the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood in Dayton. He retired to St. Charles Center in Carthagen in 2001.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 19, 2007, at St. Charles Center, in Carthagen, with the Rev. Angelo Anthony officiating.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Charles Center.

Hogenkamp and Sons Funeral Home in Coldwater is in charge of arrangements.