Robert Reinhart

Fr. Robert Reinhart, C.PP.S., 84, died at 6:20 p.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012, in the infirmary of St. Charles Center in Carthagena. He had been in failing health for some time.



He was born on July 12, 1927, in Bryant, Ind., to Peter and Cecelia (Schritz) Reinhart. He entered the Society in 1941 and was ordained on June 4, 1953.

Fr. Reinhart spent much of his life as a priest in parish ministry. His early assignments included Sacred Heart Church in Sedalia, Mo.; St. Joseph Church

in Hamilton, Ohio; St. Mary Church in Centerville, Iowa; and St. Joseph Church in Dayton.

In 1974, he was named chaplain at Providence Hospital in Sandusky. He returned to parish ministry in 1982, when he was named pastor of St. Wendelin Church in St. Wendelin. In 1990, he was named pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Bryant, Ind., where he served for 14 years until his retirement to St. Charles, where he has made his home since 2004.

He is survived by two sisters, Ann (Gerald) Wagner of Wapakoneta, Ruth (Vernon) Brackman, Maria Stein; a brother, Joseph (Doris) Reinhart, Bryant, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Pauline Reinhart, Portland, Ind.; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Deceased is one brother, Victor.

Fr. Reinhart was very happy to return to his home parish, Holy Trinity, and become its pastor. Being close to home and close to his family meant a great deal to him, and he took great pride in his stewardship of the historic church and its picturesque grounds. He chose to be buried there in the church cemetery, near his parents. The church's current pastor, Fr. David Hoying, will assist with the internment.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 6 at St. Charles, with the Rev. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.PP.S., officiating. Fr. William O'Donnell, C.PP.S., will be the homilist.

Calling hours will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, with a wake service conducted by Fr. Robert Conway, C.PP.S., at 7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

Arrangements are being handled by Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry, hogenkampfh.com.