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John Spatt

The Rev. John Spatt, C.P.P.S., 93, passed away on Friday, Dec. 9, 2011, in the infirmary at St. Charles Center in Carthagen.

He was born on Dec. 31, 1917, in Detroit, the son of Frank and Martha (Skelnick) Spatt.

He entered the missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1933 and was ordained on May 9, 1943.



He spent most of his life as a priest in parish ministry. He served at Holy Name Church in Detroit, Christ the King in Superior, Wis., St. Mary's Church in Rhinelander, Wis., Precious Blood Church in Fort Wayne, St. Peter Church in Alvada and St. Anthony Church

in Detroit.

In 1954, he was named a chaplain of St. Catherine Hospital in Garden City, Kan. He returned to parish ministry in 1959, when he was appointed pastor of Christ the King Parish in Wakeeney, Kan. He was a pastor of St. Augustine Church in Minster from 1963-73, when he became pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Montezuma. During that time he also served in the leadership of the congregation.

He became pastor of St. Mary Church in Philothea in 1983. In 1990, poor health forced his retirement to St. Charles Center, where he made his home for the past 21 years.

He is survived by his sister, Margaret Tromblay of Warren, Mich.; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Agnes Spatt, Sr. Mary Judith Spatt, SND; three brothers, Paul, Albert, Anthony.

A quiet, mild-mannnered man, he loved the priesthood, said his friend and house director, the Rev. James Seibert, C.P.P.S. He was grateful to God for his vocation as a missionary of the Precious Blood.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Dec. 13 at St. Charles Center, with the Rev. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S., officiating. Burial followed in the community cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry, is handling the arrangements.