

Reverend Charles F. Dougherty

The Reverend Charles F. Dougherty A retired priest of the Diocese of San Jose, died in the peace of the Lord on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 in Mountain View, California at the age of 73. Born on June 25, 1935 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Charles was one of three children of Leo Patrick Dougherty and Sara Marie Maguire. He had a brother, Paul, who died a few years ago and a sister, Joyce Ann Murray who lives in Ohio. He attended local Catholic schools in the Pittsburgh area and was graduated from Duquesne University. He attended graduate school at Arizona State U, Dayton University and Seattle University. He was ordained a Holy Ghost Father in 1963. He devoted the early years of his priestly ministry to Catholic education by teaching at Gerard High School in Phoenix, AZ, Serra High School in San Mateo and Marin Catholic High School in Marin City, from 1963 to 1980. His parish assignments locally were as associate pastor at St. Albert the Great in Palo Alto, from 1980 to 1981, St. Joseph Parish in Mountain View, from 1981 to 1985, and St. John the Baptist Parish in Milpitas, from July 1 to September 1985. On October 1, 1985, he was appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist where he served for two terms until 1998. While at St. John the Baptist he opened St. John's School in 1987. After suffering from a heart attack, he went on leave for about a year, returning to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Palo Alto as associate pastor, from 1998 to 2000. In July 2000, he was appointed chaplain of the Newman Campus Ministry at San Jose State University where he served until 2003 when he was appointed parochial vicar of the Church of the Ascension in Saratoga. Father Dougherty retired from active ministry on July 1, 2005. He is survived by his sister Mrs. Joyce Ann Murray of Piqua, Ohio, brother-in-law, Thomas Murray, sister-in-law Julie Dougherty, five nieces and three nephews. The Services for Fr. Dougherty are as follows: Vigil - 7 p.m., Sunday, February 1, 2009; Funeral Mass - 10 a.m., Monday, February 2, 2009. Both services will be held at Church of the Ascension, 12033 Miller Avenue, Saratoga, CA 95070-3358. Burial - Monday, February 2, 2009, Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Los Altos.

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