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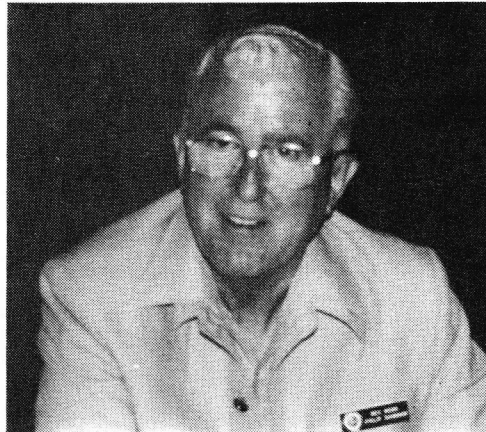


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### FATHER PHIL DIES

Msgr. Philip P. Shannon, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scarsdale, NY, who served nine years as a Navy Chaplain and 11 years as pastor of St. Philip Neri Church, the Bronx, died April 5, 1989 in St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center, Manhattan after a long battle with cancer. He was 73.

Cardinal O'Connor was the celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial April 7th at Immaculate Heart of Mary with interment following at Calvary Cemetery, Queens. Auxiliary Bishop Patrick V. Ahern, vicar of Staten Island, was the homilist.

Describing Msgr. Shannon as a "devoted believer in His Lord, Jesus Christ," Bishop Ahern said he was "a great priest and one of the most eloquent preachers I have ever heard; a man of deep faith and conviction, his faith was proven in the last days of his life when he suffered so much from cancer."

In May of last year, Msgr. Shannon served as a chaplain for a pilgrimage to the shrine at Lourdes led by the Knights and Dames of Malta. At a Mass he celebrated there, Msgr. Shannon told his fellow pilgrims of his prayer: "Oh, God, despite all my sins and failings, at least grant me the grace that I may die well."

Known during World War II as the chaplain to "The Rice Paddy Navy" guerilla forces working behind Japanese lines in China, Msgr. Shannon was recalled to service during the Korean War serving aboard the carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt. Following the Korean conflict he continued in service and was stationed at installations