

Priest dies in California; rites Tuesday

Father Charles Espellette, 74, one of the Old Sacred Heart priests, died Friday in a Montebello, Calif., hospital following a stroke. He had been ill some two weeks.

Offices of the dead will be read at 9:15 a. m. Tuesday and pontifical requiem mass will be at 10 a. m. in the abbey chapel with Father Abbott Philip Berning officiating. Burial will be at the abbey cemetery.

A native of France, Father Charles was ordained in 1910. He returned to his homeland in 1914 and was caught by World war I and drafted as a soldier.

He returned to St. Gregory's in 1919, where he served as prefect and teacher until 1933, when he was assigned to Montebello as a missionary.

Last January, the seven service clubs of Montebello presented him the all-service club award as the outstanding citizen of the year.

Roesch Brothers funeral home will be in charge of arrangements here.

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