

Edward Paul Doyle
Jubilarian

Born: June 30, 1907
Profession: August 18, 1933
Ordination: May 17, 1939
Died: April 12, 1997

Edward Doyle was born in Fall River, MA to Patrick J. and Anne (Harrison) Doyle. He attended grammar and high schools in that city but finished his latter education at Aquinas High School in Columbus, OH graduating there in 1930. He studied at Providence College for two years before entering the novitiate of St. Joseph's Province at St. Rose Priory, Springfield, KY (1932) receiving the religious name Paul. He pronounced his simple vows there a year later. From 1933-1936 he studied philosophy at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, IL and from 1936-1939 his theology at St. Joseph Priory, Somerset, OH (1936-1939). Here he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop James J. Hartley, Bishop of Columbus, OH. He completed his theological studies at the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, D.C. (1939-1940).

Before beginning his teaching career Fr. Doyle attended The Catholic University of America (1940-1941) earning a Masters degree. His teaching career began at Providence College in 1941. In 1943 he enlisted as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army. He served with distinction in the European Theatre of Operations as a member of the 104th Infantry Division and the 14th Armored Division attaining the rank of Major. After the war (1946) he returned to teaching at Providence College until 1954 when he was assigned to teach at Seton Hill College outside Pittsburg, PA (1953-1957). He taught next at Mt. St. Mary College, Newburgh, NY (1957-1963). During this time he received a PhD from Aquinas Institute, River Forest, IL (1962). From 1963-1970 he taught at Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI with a year interruption while he was Director of Catholic Studies at the University of Virginia (1965-1966). After a research fellowship at Yale Divinity School (1971-1973), he taught at Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY (1971-1973) and Amhurst College (1973-1976) where he was also Chaplain. Beginning in 1976 until his death, Fr. Doyle served as Chaplain of Summit Medical Center while living at St. Raymond Parish, Providence, RI (1976-1987) and Providence College until his death after a brief illness. The Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by the Provincial, Very Rev. Urban Voll, with the homily preached by Fr. James Driscoll, OP Chairman of the Theology Department of Providence College.