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Rev Charles A Klauder

BIRTH	1874 Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, USA
DEATH	16 Sep 1972 (aged 97–98) Kenmore, Erie County, New York, USA
BURIAL	Non-Cemetery Burial, Specifically: Buried on Parish Grounds
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Msgr. Charles A. Klauder, 91, was the pastor of St. John the Baptist Church, Kenmore, New York, for 45 years. His love for the church that was founded by St. John Neumann was a focal point of his life. As a young man, he was influenced by the story of the Redemptorist missionary who became a bishop and, after Msgr. died, was proclaimed a Saint. He took him for his priestly model.

Msgr. Klauder had decided to become a priest, but his goal was not reached until his ordination in 1918, when he was 38 years old. He had applied to the Redemptorist order, but he never received an answer. Later, his friendship with bishop Dennis Dougherty, of Buffalo, brought him to the Diocese of Buffalo, New York.

His first nine years were served in turn as an assistant at St. Joseph, St. Mary Magdalene and St. Rose of Lima Parishes in Buffalo. But he kept in mind that Neumann had founded a chapel in an area called "North Bush", now Kenmore, and asked Bishop Turner to allow him to re-open the chapel which was closed since 1840. That permission was given in 1927.

Under great difficulties, Msgr. Klauder reestablished the parish and a church, school, and other additions were built.

Msgr. Klauder was the recipient of many awards. He was proudest of a diploma of affiliation with the Brothers of the Christian School, the highest tribute the Christian Brothers bestow on one outside the order. He also received the Centurion Shield from the Consolata Fathers Seminary in Amherst, commemorating his interest in their missions; and a citation from the Carmelite Fathers. In 1968, Msgr. Klauder was made an honorary Redemptorist, in recognition of his efforts to

honor Blessed John A. Neumann.

A devoted pastor, Msgr Klauder was loved by his parishioners and commemorated on his 50th anniversary of ordination.

Gravesite Details Burial Church Grounds St. John the Baptist, Kenmore.

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