

Fr. Roch Farland, OFM

Fr. Roch Farland, OFM, who had been in residence at St. Michael Parish in Southfield since 1995, died Feb. 24 in Colorado while en route back to Michigan. He was 79.

A native of Newark, Ohio, he was the son of Theodore Farland Sr. and Sarah Craig Farland. He attended high school with the friars in Cincinnati, Ohio, at St. Francis Seminary, and joined the Franciscan Order in 1945. After graduating from Duns Scotus College in Southfield, he completed his studies at Holy Family Theologate in Oldenburg, Ind., and was ordained a priest in 1954.

Fr. Farland began his ministry teaching for 14 years at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati and for five years at Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Ind. From 1968, he served as associate pastor in parishes in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, living in retirement at St. Michael.

Fr. Farland is survived by a cousin, Toni Hetherington, of Auburn Hills. Mass of Christian Burial was to be at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Parish, 25225 Code Road, Southfield. Burial was to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Detroit.