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Funeral Rites for Father Libert

Gas City – A solemn Requiem Mass was said here in Holy Family church on Monday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. for Father Francis H. Libert, a priest of the Lafayette diocese, who died Saturday morning in Whiting, after a long illness. He was 66.

Celebrant of the Mass was Father Cornelius Kelly. He was assisted by Father Robert Fosselman as deacon and Father John Duncan, as sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edgar J. Cyr. About 35 priests were in attendance at the Mass. Burial took place in Hammond on Wednesday, October 17.

Father Libert served as pastor of the Gas City parish for 14 years, coming here In August of 1947 and retiring last year because of his illness. Born in Whiting, Indiana, he received his education at St. Joseph's college, Rensselaer; Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Orchard Lake, Michigan; St. Viator's Bourbonnais, Illinois and Mount St. Mary's, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bishop H. J. Alerding ordained Father Libert on May 21, 1921 at Fort Wayne. He served as assistant at St. Hedwig, Gary; St. Stanislaus, East Chicago; St. Mary's, Decatur and St. Peters and Paul ???

Father Libert served as chaplain of Mercy Hospital, Gary in 1927 and was in charge of Sacred Heart Mission church in East Chicago until August 1929, when he was made pastor of Assumption church in North Chicago.

He served as pastor of St. Joseph, Reynolds from July 1939 until he was appointed pastor of Holy ??? in Gas Central.

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