Patrick's, Corning, where he served for six years before undertaking the assignment in Dryden. Although he suffered from ill health for most of his priesthood, friends and family remember Father Cleary for his unflagging wit and humor. Parishioners recall his unstinting care for the sick.

Father Cleary spent his final years as senior priest at St. Mary Our Mother, where he continued to care for others who were ill. Father Cleary's brother was Monsignor Donald M. Cleary, who died 20 years earlier.

For 47 years, Father Cleary served parishes in the Southern Tier of the Diocese of Rochester, spending 35 of those years serving the people of Dryden. Assigned to the Dryden Catholic Mission in 1950, he became pastor when Holy Cross Parish was established in 1962, and remained in the post until his retirement in 1985.

In addition to his duties as pastor in Dryden, Father Cleary was Catholic chaplain for the George Jr. Republic, a facility for troubled youths in nearby Freeville, where he pioneered ecumenical ministry in youth work.

Born November 9, 1914, in Rochester, the son of the late Michael E. and Katherine Kennedy Cleary attended Corpus Christi School and graduated from St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries. Bishop James E. Kearney ordained Father Cleary in 1942 at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

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Died December 4, 1989, at St. Stanislaus Church, Rochester.

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University at Albany.
Father Starks began his assignment at St. Francis de Sales Church in Lonsdaleville as administrator in 1966. He was named pastor of the parish in 1966, a position he held until his retirement in 1983. He had lived at the Teresian House in Albany since his retirement.

In addition to serving as a member of the Colonie Elks Lodge 2192 and the Latham-Colonie Knights of Columbus, he also served as chaplain for the New York State Police.

In addition to his sister, survivors include three brothers, Father R. M. Starks of Scotia and Homer R. Starks of Rochester.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Nov. 21, in St. Francis de Sales Church. Burial took place in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady of Hope Residence (Little Sisters of the Poor), Latham, N.Y.

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