

Fr. William C. Strahan 75

United States of America

* March 9 1906 Philadelphia, PA

+ April 11 1981 Torresdale, PA

He attended Cornwells, 1921-26, made his profession at Ridgefield August 15 1927, and did his senior studies at Ferndale, where he was ordained September 17 1932. His first assignment sent him to the black mission of St. Paul in Lafayette, LA, from which he transferred three years later to Ugandan Martyrs, Okmulgee, OK. He served there for seven years. During World War Two he volunteered as an Army Air Corps chaplain in 1942 and saw service in Europe, earning several decorations.

In 1948 he became pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish in Philadelphia and faithfully ministered to the black community till his retirement 25 years later. His declining years were spent first in Washington and then at Cornwells until his condition made a transfer to the St. John Neumann Nursing Home a necessity. He died at Nazareth Hospital and was buried in the Cornwells community cemetery.