

## **REVEREND DONALD CASEY - Class of 1943**

Reverend Donald Anthony Casey graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1943.

Upon graduation he entered the Navy and served aboard the minesweeper USS Medrick AMc203. He was discharged in 1946 as a Corpsman and became interested in medicine. He then went to St. Louis University on the GI bill with hopes of becoming an MD. He later transferred to Gonzaga University and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Biology and Chemistry.

After graduation, Donald immediately entered the Jesuit novitiate at Los Gatos, CA and taught chemistry at St. Ignatius in San Francisco, Loyola in Los Angeles and Brophy in Phoenix. After 11 years he decided to leave the Jesuits and was accepted by Bishop Buddy of San Diego and began seminary. He was ordained in May, 1965 for the diocese of San Diego which encompassed San Diego, Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. In 1976 the diocese of San Diego split and the new San Bernardino Diocese was formed. After having served several parishes in the San Diego area, he became a priest of the new San Bernardino diocese. After that he was assigned to several parishes and finally to St. Ann in Needles, CA where he retired at age 70 in 1995.

Upon retiring, Reverend Casey decided to return to his Las Vega roots and settled in Henderson. He was active in his ministry, serving as Director of Homebound Ministries for St. Peter the Apostle in Henderson and on most Sundays at St. Catherine of Siena in Sandy Valley. Reverend Casey passed away on April 10, 2012.

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