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## Funeral notices

**GIOVANNINI** — In Watsonville March 14, 1993, the Rev. Ernest Giovanni, 89, a native of Casabianca (Turin), Italy.

He leaves a sister, Maria Garione, and other family members in Casabianca, Italy; and a nephew, Andrew Giovanni, of Pleasanton.

A rosary and a mass of Christian burial will be said Monday 7:30 p.m. at Mary Help of Christians Church. Burial will be March 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Salesian Cemetery in Richmond.

Donations may be to the Francis Youth Center Penny Club, 2400 E. Lake Ave., Watsonville.

Arrangements are by Mehl's Colonial Chapel.



### Ernest Giovanni

The Rev. Ernest Giovanni, a former teacher at St. Francis School in Watsonville, died yesterday morning at Watsonville Community Hospital of pancreatic cancer. He was 89.

Rev. Giovanni was born in Casabianca (Turin), Italy, and entered the Salesian school at the St. Francis de Sales Oratory, St. John Bosco's first foundation, at age 14. He came to the United States in 1923 and joined the Roman Catholic Salesian congregation in New Rochelle, N.Y. After completing his studies, he was ordained a priest in 1931 by Archbishop Hanna in San Francisco. His younger brother, Attilio, also a Salesian priest, later joined him in the United States.

In 1940, Rev. Giovanni became the founding principal of St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower. Four years later, he was appointed provincial of the Salesians on the east coast. He held that post for 15 years, when he was elected to the General Council of the Salesians, based in Turin, Italy.

In 1972, Rev. Giovanni returned to St. Francis School, where he had taught as a young seminarian from 1925 to 1927. Until recently, he had been active as an administrator of the St. Francis Camp and Retreat Facility in Aptos. At the time of his death, he was living at the Salesian Ranch on Dalton Road.

He leaves a sister, Maria Garione, and other family in Casabianca, Italy; and a nephew, Andrew Giovanni, of Pleasanton.

A rosary and a mass of Christian burial will be said March 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Mary Help of Christians Church. Burial will be March 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Salesian Cemetery in Richmond.

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## NEWS RELEASE

### Fr. Ernest Giovannini, SDB

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Father Ernest Giovannini was born in Casabianca (Turin), Italy, July 21, 1904. His parents were Defendente Giovannini and Rosa Vaschetto Giovannini. In 1918 he entered the Salesian school at the St. Francis de Sales Oratory, St. John Bosco's first foundation. In 1923 he came to the United States and joined the Salesians in New Rochelle, New York. After completing his studies he was ordained a priest by Archbishop Hanna at SS. Peter and Paul Church in San Francisco, California on February 2, 1931. His younger brother, Attilio, also a Salesian priest, later joined him in the United States.

After several assignments in Northern California, Father Giovannini became the founding principal of St. John Bosco High School, Bellflower, California in 1940. In 1944 he was appointed provincial of the Salesians in Eastern United States. During the 15 years he held that office, the province experienced great growth in number of Salesians and in foundations.

In September of 1959 he was elected a member of the General Council of the Salesians headquartered in Turin, Italy. During this period of expansion throughout the Salesian world, as a member of the General Council he was in charge of the technical and trade schools of the entire Salesian Congregation. He travelled the world lending his expertise and support to his fellow Salesians as new technical schools were opened and long-standing institutions sought to update.

After 13 years in Turin, Father returned to St. Francis School, Watsonville, California, in 1972, where he had taught as a young seminarian from 1925-1927. Until recently he had been very active as administrator of St. Francis Camp and Retreat Facility, Aptos, California.

On Sunday, March 14, 1993, at 6:30 am, this internationally respected Salesian passed to his eternal reward from complications resulting from cancer of the pancreas.



The Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial will be concelebrated at Mary Help of Christians Church, Watsonville, California at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 22, 1993 with interment on Tuesday, March 23, 1993 at 10:30 am in the Salesian Cemetery, Richmond, California. In the late 1930s Father Giovannini developed the cemetery as financial administrator of the school.

Father Giovannini is survived by his sister Maria Garione and other family members who reside in Casabianca, Italy and his nephew Doctor Andrew Giovannini, Pleasanton, California.

*Brother of the late Joseph Giovanni*

*Thanks Carl*

*Norene Pozzetti*  
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