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Rev Velario Bernardo

BIRTH	12 Aug 1893 Campobasso, Provincia di Campobasso, Molise, Italy
DEATH	2 Aug 1979 (aged 85) Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York, USA
BURIAL	Holy Trinity Cemetery Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York, USA
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Msgr. Valerio A. Bernardo, 85, was pastor emeritus of Holy Trinity parish in Dunkirk, New York. He grew up in Italy and spent six years in the medical corps of the Italian Army and was decorated for his military service in World War I by the Allied Command with three stars, an equivalent to a Purple Heart. In 1919 he visited his brother in Philadelphia, Father Filomino Bernardo, and decided not to return to his homeland. He began the study of medicine at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and subsequently decided to follow in his brother's footsteps and entered Our Lady of the Angels Seminary, Niagara Falls. Msgr Bernardo was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Buffalo New York on December 19, 1925 by Bishop William Turner. He served as an assistant pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Columba, both in Buffalo; St. Anthony, Lockport; and St. James, Jamestown.

Msgr. Bernardo was named pastor of Holy Trinity in 1945 and served as pastor of that parish for some 30 years prior to his retirement. He remained in residence at Holy Trinity.

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