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Father Segrief was born in Wellington (N.Z.) on 7th February, 1884 and received his secondary education at St Patrick's College, Wellington from 1898-1944. He commenced studies for the priesthood at the Marist Seminary at Meanee in 1905 and was ordained in Wellington on the 3rd December, 1911. From 1912–1914 he was a member of the teaching staff at St Patrick's College, Wellington. In 1915 he became a military chaplain in the New Zealand armed forces. He saw service at Gallipoli and later in France. He then returned to St Patrick's College. During 1924-1926 he travelled throughout the Lismore Diocese raising funds towards a new Marist Secondary College to be known as St John's College, Woodlawn which was opened in 1931. He was the first Rector of this College from 1931-1937.

A memorial plaque, in his honour, has been placed at the entrance of the College Chapel. It reads, "On the occasion of the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915, this plaque remembers Fr Thomas Segrief S.M., first Rector of St John's College, Woodlawn and New Zealand Army Chaplain who ministered to New Zealand and Australian servicemen at Gallipoli."

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