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Rev Fr Al F Harte

BIRTH 16 Jul 1936

Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, USA

DEATH 24 Aug 2002 (aged 66)

Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA

BURIAL Saint Mary and Saint James Cemetery

Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois, USA

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ROCKFORD - Monsignor Al F. Harte, 66, of Rockford died Saturday, Aug. 24, 2002 after a sudden illness. Born July 16, 1936 in Chicago, the son of Seamus P. and Della Berry Harte. He attended Quigley Seminary in Chicago, St. George High School, St. Meinrad Minor Seminary, St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa, and Mount St. Bernard Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. He was ordained to the sacred priesthood on May 23, 1964, in St. James Pro-Cathedral in Rockford by the Most Rev. Loras T. Lane. Monsignor Harte served the diocese in several pastoral and administrative positions throughout his many years as a priest. His parish assignments included assistant for the St. James Pro-Cathedral in 1964, the New Cathedral Parish from 1964 to 1966, associate for St. Catherine of Siena in Dundee in 1972. Administrator for St. Mary in Durand in 1972, chaplain for Notre Dame Provincial House in DeKalb from 1973 to 1975, administrator for St. Catherine in Freeport from 1975 to 1976, pastor of Holy Family Parish from 1977 to 1989 and St. Mary Parish in Woodstock from 1989 to 1997. Chaplain for Poor Clare Colletines in Rockford and spiritual director for Bishop Lane Retreat Center since 1997. Monsignor Harte's administrative positions included director of Bishop Lane Retreat House from 1968 to 1971, superintendent of St. Vincent Home in Freeport from 1975 to 1976, diocesan director of vocations from 1966 to 1971, notary for the Diocesan Tribunal in 1968, director of Priest's Eucharistic League in 1968. Diocesan director of PAVLA Lay Volunteer Eucharistic League in 1969, diocesan director of personnel from 1973 to 1975, diocesan director of Clergy Continuing Education in 1975 and senior priest advocate from 2000 to 2002. On Jan. 3, 1996, Monsignor Harte was named a Prelate of Honor of His Holiness by Pope John Paul II.

Survivors include brothers Thomas and William and their families; many nieces and nephews; and his brother priests of Rockford Diocese. Predeceased by parents; and brothers and sisters Myles, Mary, James, John, Richard, Ann Rita, Freddie, and Paul in infancy.

Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 in Holy Family Catholic Church, with the Most Rev. Thomas G. Doran, bishop of Rockford, officiating, and Monsignor Harte's brother priests of the Rockford Diocese concelebrating. Burial in St. Mary/St. James Cemetery. Visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 28 with a Christian wake service at 7:30, and from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday in the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials requested to Poor Clares Corpus Christi Monastery, 2111 S. Main St., Rockford, IL 61102. Arrangements by Fitzgerald & Associates Funeral Home, Mulford Chapel, 1860 S. Mulford Road.

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