

LA YNE ACADIAN TRIBUNE

Rev. Van Hal Rites Wednesday

LAKE CHARLES — A requiem mass was offered at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church for the Rev. **Adrian van Hal**, 58, first pastor of that parish who died Sunday in Lafayette.

The Mass was celebrated by Msgr. I. A. DeBlanc, pastor, and the **Revs.** Robert Guidry and James Gaddy, assistants. The adult choir of the parish sang the Mass and the pastor delivered a family.

Funeral services for Father van Hal were at 10 a. m. Wednesday in Our Lady of Mercy Church in Opelousas where the priest had been pastor since leaving Lake Charles in 1961.

His body was taken to Lake Charles for burial in Highland Memory Garden Cemetery beside his mother who died on a visit from Holland while her son was pastor here.

Graveside services were conducted at Highland Memory Gardens at 1:45 p. m. Wednesday by Msgr. DeBlanc. The children's choir of Queen of Heaven School sang. Veterans of Foreign Wars, for which organization the priest was state and district chaplain, were especially invited to attend.

The priest was assigned as pastor of Queen of Heaven Parish when it was created in 1957. He had just come to the diocese of Lafayette.

Father **van Hal** was ordained to the priesthood in Holland and came to this country in 1937. He was a World War II chaplain.

He is survived by a brother and a sister in Holland, a sister in Baton Rouge, and a sister in Long Beach, Calif.