

Memorial Mass Given For Father Toussaint

PORT BARRE — A memorial Mass was offered at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30 in St. Mary's Catholic Church here for Father Jean-Baptiste Toussaint, 67, former pastor, who died June 23 in a New York hospital. Father J. Guy Lemoine, Vicar for the North Acadiana deanery, officiated.

Father Toussaint retired in April of this year on account of ill health. He died in Brookdale Hospital in New York. Funeral services there were held from the Church of St. Fortunata with burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

A native of Haiti, Father Toussaint was ordained in 1934 for the Diocese of Cap-Haitien,

Haiti. He was assistant at the Cathedral in Cap-Haitien, and a professor in the College of Notre Dame, Cap-Haitien. Later he taught at the College Maillet, St. Basil, New Brunswick, Canada, and St. Louis University, New Brunswick.

He came to the Diocese of Lafayette in 1954 and was named administrator of St. Joseph Parish, Ville Platte. In 1962 he was appointed administrator of St. Mary, Port Barre and Holy Trinity, Washington. In 1963 he was named pastor of St. Mary's, Port Barre and relieved of responsibilities at Holy Trinity, Washington.