

Fitchburg Native — Monsignor Doheny Dead At 55

SPRINGFIELD — The Rt. Rev. Bernard L. Doheny, 55, a Fitchburg native who has been serving as rector of St. Michael's Cathedral and director of youth activities in Springfield's Catholic Diocese for 15 years, died Monday at Mercy Hospital following a short illness.

He was stricken Feb. 10 and had been in the hospital 11 days.

A 1927 graduate of Fitchburg High School, he played baseball during his high school days and was considered an excellent shortstop, also participating in semi-professional ballplaying.

He was also graduated from Holy Cross College, Worcester, in 1931 and the University of Louvain, Belgium.

He was ordained July, 28, 1935 in St. Bernard's Church, Fitchburg, and was appointed to the cathedral staff in 1941 after serving in churches at Greenfield and Worcester.

He was diocesan chaplain of the Boy Scouts for several years and was also a ward representative on the all-clergymen Juvenile Delinquency Commission of Springfield. In 1950 he was appointed to the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Over a year ago, he was elect-

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ed by Pope Paul VI to the rank of domestic prelate with the title of right reverend monsignor.

Born Sept. 22, 1909, he was the son of the late John and Hannah (Flynn) Doheny.

He is survived by: three brothers, Thomas B. Doheny of Fitchburg, Joseph M. Doheny of Fitchburg and William P. Doheny of Jeffrey, N.H.; two sisters, Mrs. Alphonse J. Welch of Fitchburg and Mrs. Walter Dowd of Worcester; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours at St. Michael's rectory will be tonight from 7 to 9 and tomorrow from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m.

His body will be transferred in a solemn procession to the cathedral Thursday at 3 p.m. and will lie in state there until the funeral which will be held Friday at 10 a.m. The chanting