

Finleyville Priest Dies In Rectory

Fr. Ricards, 57,
Ordained In 1927;
A Native Of City

The Rev. Edward A. Ricards, 57, pastor of St. Francis Church, Finleyville, died yesterday in the church rectory.

Born in Pittsburgh, Father Ricards attended Epiphany School and St. Vincent College and Seminary. He was ordained in 1927 by the late Bishop Hugh C. Boyle.

He was assistant pastor at St. Paul's Church, Butler, until 1932, when he was assigned as assistant pastor of Immaculate Conception parish, Connellsville. Later he was assistant pastor of St. William parish, East Pittsburgh, and pastor of St. Aloysius, Dunbar.

Illness forced his retirement in 1949, but he later became chaplain of Pittsburgh Hospital and went to Finleyville in 1951.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary Romano, of Finleyville, and a brother, Emmett Ricards, of Pittsburgh.

Pontifical requiem high mass will be celebrated at St. Francis' Church at 11 a. m. Thursday.