



**RIGHT REV. MSGR.
ROBERT FRIEND**

The Right Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Friend, a native of the McHenry community, died in Fraser hospital, Many, La., Saturday, Oct. 22, at the age of 80.

Msgr. Friend was born in Illinois March 9, 1897, the son of the late Frank and Anna (May) Friend of McHenry. He lived his early life in the McHenry area.

He was ordained into the priesthood in Witchita, Kas. and served his first solemn Mass June 25, 1925, in St. Mary's Catholic church.

During the absence of the pastor of St. Patrick's church in 1925, he served the parish for a short time.

In March of 1944, he was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's of Zwolle, La. and under his capable guidance and leadership, established a badly needed building program. A renovated rectory, a new

modern school, lunchroom, gym and convent preceded his proudest achievement, a new church which he had designed and supervised during all phases of construction.

Msgr. Friend is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Lorraine Stephens of Woodstock and Mrs. Evelyn Justin of McHenry.

Funeral Mass was offered in St. Joseph's church Tuesday, Oct. 25 with burial in the church cemetery.