

## Devoted 50 Years To Priesthood

# Rev. Kalahar, 74, Dies

The Rev. Martin I. Kalahar, 74, former chaplain of St. Vincent's Home and a 50-year veteran of the priesthood, died Wednesday at St. Mary's Hospital here.

Since 1961 he had been pastor of Birch Run Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was known throughout Saginaw County for his work. From 1930 to 1938 he was chaplain at St. Vincent's Home, where he was beloved by the children for his kindness and understanding.

Born on a farm north of Merrill on Sept. 21, 1891, he attended St. Mary's College in Kansas, St. Joseph Seminary in Grand Rapids, a seminary in Innsbruck, Austria, and one in Montreal, Canada. He was ordained June 24, 1916.

Father Kalahar in 1938 was named pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hemlock and served there 13 years before going to St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Alpena, where he served 10 years. While there he was president of the Catholic Central High School board and served as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Council there. He had been a member of the Lions Club here and in Hemlock. (See Obituary Column.)

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*Father Kalahar*