

Cathedral Choristers In Maine Dies at 79

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The priest who organized and trained Portland's widely-known Cathedral Choristers is dead at 79.

The Roman Catholic chancery office learned that the Rev. Msgr. Henry A. Boltz was found dead, apparently of a heart attack, Monday at Issaquah, Wash., where he had lived since retiring in 1966.

Msgr. Boltz was organist and director of music at Portland's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception 35 years. His 60-voice men and boys' choir, the Choristers, was heard throughout New England.

Born in Lebanon, Pa., Msgr. Boltz studied music at Boston's Peabody conservatory and took his theological training at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto, Ont., where he was ordained in 1920.

He came to Portland after 10 years' service as director of music in the schools of the Catholic diocese of Calgary, Alta.

Msgr. Boltz's funeral will be in the cathedral chapel at 10:30 a.m. Friday. The Most Rev. Peter L. Gerety, bishop of Portland, will be the principal celebrant of a Mass of Resurrection.

The Rev. Michael A. Davis of Lewiston will preach the homily.