

# Catholic Weekly publisher dies

BAY CITY — Funeral services for the Rev. Neil F. O'Connor — editor and publisher of The Catholic Weekly for more than 30 years — are set for 11 a.m. Friday.

O'Connor, 81, died today in his hometown here.

O'Connor started at Muskegon's St. Mary's Church in 1936, moving on to a post as pastor at St. Elizabeth Church in Reese, where he served from 1944 to 1953.

He also served at Sacred Heart Parish in Mount Pleasant, St. James Parish in Bay City and Sagi-

naw's SS. Peter and Paul Church, 4705 W. Michigan.

In 1953, O'Connor became pastor of St. Andrew Catholic Church, 612 N. Michigan, and began a stint with The Catholic Weekly, 1420 Court, which continued until his death.

Under his direction, the publication gained praise as one of the leading Catholic newspapers in the United States.

Bishop Kenneth Untener will preside at O'Connor's service, scheduled for St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bay City.