

Rev. Robert E. Hiltz

The Rev. Robert E. Hiltz, associate pastor of Sacred Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church, died Saturday in his sleep at his brother's home in Granite.

A mass of Christian burial was being offered today at St. Alphonsus Church in Woodstock.

Father Hiltz, who was 60, had been stationed at Sacred Heart of Mary for about five years. He earlier served for nearly 10 years as pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Havre de Grace. He moved to Havre de Grace from St. Martin's Church in Baltimore, where he served for nearly 10 years as associate pastor and as pastor.

Ordained in 1953, he was first assigned as associate pastor at St. Anthony of Padua parish in Baltimore.

A native of Baltimore and a graduate of Loyola High School and College, he earned a master's degree in journalism at Syracuse University.

He wrote poetry as a young man and maintained an interest in writing as a contributor to the *Catholic Review*.

Father Hiltz is survived by three brothers, the Rev. Peter M. Hiltz of Brunswick and John A. and David O. Hiltz, both of Granite; three sisters, Ann Herrmann of Granite, Mary L. Flaherty of Bel Air, and Mildred P. Eikenberg of Fallston, and many nieces and nephews.