

**The Rev. Sylvester
J. Hoppe**
1911-2002



Rev. Sylvester J. Hoppe, 91, St. Joseph, Mo., died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, at a St. Joseph hospital.

Father Hoppe was ordained by Bishop Charles H. LeBlond on Dec. 21, 1946, at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

He served as pastor for St. Rose of Lima Church in Savannah, Mo.; St. Patrick's Church in Forest City, Mo.; St. Paul's Church in Tarkio, Mo.; Columban's Church in Chillicothe, Mo.; St. Ann's Church in Excelsior Springs, Mo.; and Sacred Heart Church in Norborne, Mo. In addition, he served as assistant pastor for the former Immaculate Conception in St. Joseph, and as chaplain of the former St. Mary's Orphanage and the state hospital.

Born on July 11, 1911, in St. Joseph, he had resided in St. Joseph until attending the seminary. He had lived in St. Joseph since retiring in 1991.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church; a graduate of the former Christian Brothers High School and Conception College at Conception Junction, Mo. He attended the former Kendrick Seminary of St. Louis, Mo.

Father Hoppe served as the former chaplain for Knights of Columbus Council No. 571, Daughters of Isabella, Ladies of Charity and the Mir House of Prayer.

Active in the Boy Scouts of America since 1923, he was a former member of the council camp staff, and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and Senior Medicine Man of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. In 1998, the Father Sylvester J. Hoppe Chapel was named in his honor at Camp Geiger, and in 1999, the Pony Express Eagle Scout Class was named in his honor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Sophia (Borkowski) Hoppe; a sister, Eugenia Bangerter; and a brother, Robert L. Hoppe.

Survivors: two sisters, Gertrude Barczak, St. Joseph, with whom he made his home; and Sophia Lyon, St. Joseph; a brother, Herman Hoppe of Sun City, Ariz.; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Cathedral, St. Joseph. Interment: Mount Olivet Cemetery, St. Joseph. Ladies of Charity and Daughters of Isabella rosaries will be recited at 3 p.m. today at Meierhoffer Family Funeral Service, St. Joseph. Father Hoppe will be removed from the funeral home to arrive at the church at 5 p.m. today. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today at the church, where a parish rosary will be recited at 7 tonight. The family suggests memorial gifts to Conception Seminary, St. Patrick's Catholic School or the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund.

