

The Rev. Msg. Dussault Dies

ST. JOHNSBURY — The Rev. Msg. Joseph E. Dussault, 79, died Friday morning at St. Johnsbury Convalescent Center. He was born on March 22, 1908, in Cloquet, Minn., son of Emil N. and Marie Alphonsine (Lebrun) Dussault.

The Rev. Msg. Dussault was a graduate of St. Michael's College. He studied philosophy and theology at the Seminary of Philosophy and the Grand Seminary in Montreal. He was ordained for the priesthood on May 26, 1934.

His priestly ministry began as an associate pastor of St. Joseph's in Burlington, 1934-41. His first pastorate was at St. Thomas parish in Underhill Center, 1941-44; he also served the St. Sylvester parish in Graniteville, 1944-60; St. Derby Line, 1960-67; and St. Mary Star of the Sea parish in Newport, 1967-78.

He retired from active ministry June 22, 1978, although he often did weekend ministry and filled needs throughout the state. He was named a Domestic Prelate (Monsignor) in February 1970. He was dean of the Orleans County Deanery.

Survivors include four brothers, John Dussault of Chico, Calif., Walter Dussault of Olympia, Wash., Edward Dussault of Fredericksburg, Va., and Raymond Dussault of Cartersville,

Ga.; seven sisters, Amanda Descoteaux and Margaret Hall, both of St. Johnsbury, Jean Lauria, Cecile Coppotelli and Lorraine Talcove, all of Staten Island, N.Y., Pauline Junquet of New Paltz, N.Y., and Theresa Brown of West Warwick, R.I.; and nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by a brother, Albert Dussault, in 1985.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church, Main Street, in St. Johnsbury. Bishop John A. Marshall will preside. The homilist will be the Rev. William Beaudin, parochial vicar of St. John Church.

Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, St. Johnsbury, at a later date.

The transfer of the body to the church will take place Monday at 4 p.m. with the Rev. Paul Citti, Dean of Caledonia Deanery, presiding.

Friends may call at the church on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Priest's Benefit Fund, Bishop Brady Center, 351 North Ave., Burlington, 05401.

The Desrochers and Sayles Funeral Home, St. Johnsbury, is in charge of arrangements.