



Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Gelineau

BURLINGTON — Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Gelineau, 95, died on June 18, 2010.

He was born in Burlington, April 11, 1915, the son of Hermegilde and Anna (Turcot) Gelineau. Msgr. Gelineau attended St. Michael's College, Colchester (1934 to 36); the Séminaire de Philosophie, Montréal (1936 to 38); was a graduate of the Grand Séminaire de Théologie, Montréal.

Msgr. Gelineau was ordained for the priesthood on May 30, 1942 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Burlington, by Bishop Matthew F. Brady. Monsignor retired from active parish ministry in 1990.

His priestly ministry began at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Rutland (1942 to 45). He also served as assistant at Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish, Fair Haven (1945) and St. Francis Xavier Parish, Winooski (1945 to 50).

His first pastorate was at Our Lady of the Lake Parish, St. Albans Bay (1950 to 57). He also served as pastor at Christ the King Parish, Burlington (1966 to 76) and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Charlotte (1976 to 90).

Some of the offices he held were: Director of Vermont Catholic Charities (1957 to 66); Moderator of the Burlington District NCCW (1946 to 50); Diocesan Director of the Holy Name Society (1955 to 57) and he was the first Director of the Bishop's Fund (1969 to 76).

He also was founder and director of Labor Schools in Winooski and St. Albans (1946 to 52); Sociology instructor at Fanny Allen School of Nursing (1945 to 51). In 1959 he was named a Chamberlain of Honor with the title Monsignor by Pope John XXIII.

Monsignor Gelineau is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father; his mother; sisters Eda (Sister Rita of Charity), Rita

Martell, and Sister Vivian Gelineau; and three brothers, Clement, Raymond and Rev. Wilfrid Gelineau.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington with Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Burlington, as principal celebrant. The homilist will be Bishop Louis Gelineau, Bishop Emeritus of Providence, R.I. Burial will follow at Resurrection Park Cemetery in South Burlington. Vigil for the deceased will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, at Ready Funeral Home South Chapel, 261 Shelburne Road, Burlington. In lieu of flowers donations in Msgr. Gelineau's memory may be made to the Priest Benefit Fund, 351 North Ave., Burlington, Vt. 05401.

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