

# MONSIGNOR JOHN J. RYNISH



Monsignor John J. Rynish, 83, died September 23, 2001, in Springfield, MO. He had served as a Catholic priest for 58 years and retired in 1993. The Vigil will be held Tuesday, Sep-

tember 25, at 7 p.m. and the funeral Mass, celebrated by Bishop John J. Leibold, will take place on Wednesday, September 26, at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Church, Billings, MO, with burial following in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Monsignor Rynish, ordained by Bishop Edwin V. O'Hara for the Diocese of Kansas City, MO on February 21, 1943, served the Kansas City Diocese as associate pastor for Holy Cross Parish, Kansas City from 1943 until 1950; St. Wenceslaus Parish, Karlin, 1950-52; pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Bolivar and St. William Parish, Buffalo, 1952-53; pastor of St. Canera Parish, Neosho, 1954-60. When the Dioceses of Kansas City-St. Joseph and Springfield-Cape Girardeau were formed in 1956, he was in-cardinated into the southern Missouri diocese. Monsignor Rynish also served as administrator for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau from 1969 to 1970 in between the appointments of Archbishop Ignatius Strecker to the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas and Cardinal William W. Baum to the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. Again, in 1973, he served as administrator of the diocese in between the appointments of Cardinal William W. Baum to Washington D.C. and Cardinal Bernard F. Law to the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau. He is survived by his sisters, Nellie McMurty, Kansas City and Sr. Julia Rynish BVM (retired), Mt. Carmel Motherhouse, Dubuque, IA. (Arrangements: Herman H. Lohmeyer Funeral Home, 500 E. Walnut, Springfield, MO 65806 (417) 862-4433)