

# Monsignor Thomas Evatt dead at 53

ANDERSON — Monsignor Thomas Austin Evatt, 53, of 2214 Ridgewood Ave., Anderson, South Carolina, died Friday, July 18, 2003, at his residence.

Born in Providence, Rhode Island, on May 18, 1950, he was a son of the late James Austin Evatt Jr. and the late Mary Edith Mulrahey Evatt. He received his Masters in Theology from Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, New York; he was ordained for 27 years. He previously served as Pastor of St. Cyprian's Catholic Church in Georgetown, South Carolina, Precious Blood Catholic Church, in Pawleys Island, South Carolina, St. Mary's Catholic Church, in Summerton, South Carolina, Stella Maris Catholic Church, in Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Greenville, South Carolina, and St. Mary's Help of Christians Catholic Church, in Aiken, South Carolina. Monsignor Evatt served as Director of Continuing Education for the Diocese of Charleston and was active in Marriage Encounter for many years.

Surviving are a lifelong friend, Joseph Norris, of the home; three brothers, Michael Evatt, of Simpsonville, South Carolina, John Evatt, of Travelers Rest, South Carolina, and James Austin Evatt, of Greenville, South Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 22, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Anderson at 11:30 a.m. with the Most Reverend Robert J. Baker. Entombment will follow at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

A vigil for the deceased will be held on Monday, July 21, 2003, at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 7 p.m. with the Very Reverend Steven L. Brovey presiding.

The body is at The McDougald Funeral Home.

The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic School, Building Fund, 1303 McLees Road, Anderson, SC 29621.

The McDougald Funeral Home, Anderson, is in charge of arrangements.