

Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis dies; pastor of Holy Cross

The Rev. Vaclovas Katarskis, pastor of Holy Cross Lithuanian Roman Catholic Church in Dayton, died Monday at Maria-Joseph Living Care Center after a short illness. He was 77.

Father Katarskis, a native of Lithuania, was ordained a priest in 1942 and came to the United States in 1948 as associate pastor at Holy Cross. He later served as associate pastor at Holy Rosary, Dayton; St. Albert the Great, Kettering; Holy Family, Dayton; and St. Christopher, Vandalia.

In June 1972, he was named administrator of Holy Cross. He became pastor in November 1976.

Survivors include a sister, Jadvyga Gineitis of Dayton, and a brother and sister in Lithuania; nieces Roma Gineitis, Dana Emprie and Vida McQuiston; and six great-nieces and nephews.

Reception of the body will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at Holy Cross Church, 1924 Leo St., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at noon. Arrangements are being handled by Westbrook Funeral Home in Dayton.

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