

Delane Services Held in Helena

Rev. John Delane, 78, died in Helena Saturday, January 30. Rosary was recited Tuesday at 7:30 in St. Mary's Church. Mass was Wednesday at 11 with burial in Resurrection Cemetery. St. Mary's was the last pastorate he held, from 1942 to 1956. He had resided at Carroll College since retiring.

Father Delane was born Feb. 3, 1892 in Tipperary Town, Ireland. He finished his theological studies in 1919, at St. Patrick Seminary in Ireland. He was ordained and assigned to the Diocese of Helena.

His first position was a chemistry teacher at Mount St. Charles College, the forerunner of Carroll College. In 1920 he became chaplain to demobilized soldiers at Galen and Warm Springs State Hospitals and later served as chaplain at Montana State Prison.

He was pastor at St. Mary's Church, Laurin, from 1928 to 1939. People of all religious faiths in the Ruby and Madison Valleys recall with gratitude his compassion and help during those depression years.

He also served as pastor or assistant pastor in Helena, Butte, Anaconda and Philipsburg.