

## Right Rev. Monsignor Daniel Harrington, 90

Right Rev. Monsignor Daniel B. Harrington died Sunday in a local nursing home.

He was born Nov. 10, 1907, in Butte to Daniel and Hannah (Sullivan) Harrington.



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Msgr. Harrington was ordained Dec. 8, 1932, in the Chapel of North American College in Rome. The ordaining bishop was Cardinal

Freancesco Marchetti-Silvaggiani, then vicar of Rome. He had completed formation at the college after his graduation from Mount St. Charles College (now Carroll College) in Helena.

During the 1930s, he was assistant pastor at three Butte parishes — St. Mary's, St. Patrick and Immaculate Conception — and taught religion at Girls' Central High School. In 1939-1942 he assisted at St. Peter Parish in Anaconda.

He then served seven years as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Ronan. But during that period he fulfilled additional duties, first as director of youth for the Missoula and Kalispell deaneries and later as director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

In 1949, he returned to Rome for three years, where he was spiritual director at the North American College. In 1950, in the midst of that assignment, he was named domestic prelate of honor and received the title of monsignor. Upon returning to the Helena Diocese, Msgr. Harrington was named founding director of Catholic Charities in 1953. Under his direction the new agency arranged adoptions, cared for abandoned children and provided family counseling. The role soon expanded to include assistance to transients and the needy with the 1956 opening of the St. Vincent de Paul Salvage Bureau in Butte.

Later, Msgr. Harrington moved on to chaplaincy work, for a year at St. Joseph Orphanage and St. John Hospital in Helena, then for six years at the state institutions in Warm Springs, all the while continuing to play a vital role in the work of Catholic Charities.

In 1965, Msgr. Harrington returned to Butte as pastor of the St. Joseph Parish. He was named pastor of Butte's Holy Savior Parish in 1971, but had the "really tough" task of closing the parish a year later when the building was sold to make way for the encroaching mining operations. The closing of Holy Savior Parish coincided with his retirement on Nov. 10, 1972. He later would be named pastor emeritus of the former parish.

Surviving relatives include nieces and nephews, Dan and Marjorie Harrington of Bowie, Md., LeAnn McGuirk of Los Angeles, Patricia Wilhelm of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Bernard Harrington of Eugene, Ore.

Relatives and friends may call today after 3 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Parish Vigil services will be conducted at 8 p.m. at the church. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Patrick's Church. Interment will be in the priest plot at St. Patrick's Cemetery.

Duggan Dolan Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.