

## The Rev. Eugene Frank

DICKINSON — The Rev. Eugene Frank, 71, Dickinson, passed away May 10, 2002, in a Dickinson health center following a long and courageous battle with muscular dystrophy. Services will be held at 11 a.m. MDT today at Church of St. Joseph, Dickinson, with Bishop Paul A. Ziptel presiding. Rev. Gene Lindemann will be the homilist. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dickinson.



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Rev. Frank was born Aug. 24, 1930, at Sheffield, the son of Frank Jr. and Catherine (Hegel) Frank. He was raised in Dickinson, where he attended Dickinson Teachers College from 1948 to 1949. He then attended Crosier Seminary in Onamia, Minn., from 1949 to 1951. He entered St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., in 1951 to study for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bismarck at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, on June 2, 1957, by Bishop Hilary B. Hacker.

Rev. Frank's first assignment in the Diocese of Bismarck was as assistant pastor at the Church of St. Joseph, Mandan, from 1957 to 1960. He also served as assistant pastor at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Mort, from 1960 to 1961 and the Church of St. Mary, New England, from 1961 to 1962. He was appointed pastor of the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Amidon, and its mission, the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Gaylord, on Aug. 1, 1962, and served there until July 1968.

From 1961 to 1967, he was an instructor at St. Mary's High School, New England. He was appointed pastor of the Church of St. Mary, Gola, in 1968 and served there until 1973. During that time, he also served as administrator of the Church of St. John the Baptist, Beach, for a short time in 1970. In 1970, Rev. Frank introduced the Search for Christian Maturity program into the Diocese of Bismarck. He was appointed vocation director for the diocese in 1971, a position he held until 1973.

He then served as pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hettinger, and its mission, the Church of the Sacred Heart, Reeder, from 1973 to 1975; the Church of St. Jerome, Mahall, and its mission, the Church of St. James, Sherwood, from 1975 to 1979; the Church of St. Bernard, Belfield, from August to October 1979; and the Church of St. Joseph, Bowbells, and its missions, the Church of St. John the Baptist, Portal, the Church of St. Mary, Lignite, and the Church of St. Michael, Columbus, from 1979 to 1984.

Rev. Frank was appointed assistant pastor at the Church of St. Joseph, Williston, in 1984 and served there until 1986. During that time he also assisted with pastoral care at the Church of St. Boniface in Grenora. While in Williston, he was spiritual director of the Williston Cursillo Program. In 1986, he was appointed pastor of the Church of St. Boniface, Grenora, a position he held until 1992, when he retired to Emmaus Place, Bismarck, due to health reasons. He moved to St. Vincent's Care Center, Bismarck, in 1996, and to St. Benedict's Health Center, Dickinson, in 1998, where he resided until his death.

Rev. Frank is survived by one brother, Boniface and his wife LaVerne Frank, Billings, Mont.; two sisters, Margaret and her husband Gerry Howland, Bozeman, Mont., and Dorothy and her husband Victor Smiley, Greeley, Colo.; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.