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## OBITUARY

# Msgr. Michael W. Dziob, J.C.D.

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Posted Thursday, December 6, 2012 9:44 am

PROVIDENCE—Rev. Msgr. Michael W. Dziob, J.C.D., 94, pastor emeritus of St. Leo the Great Church in Pawtucket died on November 27, 2012. He collapsed a day earlier while celebrating a Mass of Christian Burial for his sister Cecilia.

Born in Woonsocket, son of the late Michael and Antonina (Sabik) Dziob, he attended public and parochial schools in Woonsocket and Providence College. He completed studies for the priesthood at the American College in Louvain,

Belgium, and at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. He was ordained a priest on May 30, 1942 at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in Providence by Bishop Francis P. Keough.

After a short assignment as assistant pastor of St. Joseph Church in Central Falls, Father Dziob was sent to the Catholic University of America in Washington to study Canon Law. In the fall of 1945 he was appointed as assistant pastor at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul. In May 1946 he returned to St. Joseph Church, Central Falls, as assistant pastor, and in August 1947 became administrator of St. Hedwig Church in Providence. From January 1948 to 1973 he was chaplain at the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in North Providence while working at the Matrimonial Tribunal as Secretary Vice-Officialis and Officialis.

In 1959 he was appointed Papal Chamberlain and in 1967 a Domestic Prelate with the title of Reverend Monsignor. In January 1973 he became pastor of St. Leo the Great Church in Pawtucket and served there until his retirement in June 1993 as pastor emeritus. After his retirement, Msgr. Dziob took up residence at St. John Vianney Residence in Providence and continued to assist in a number of parishes.

Monsignor was predeceased by his siblings, Dr. John S. Dziob, Sr. Mary Ardeen, O.S.F., Dr. Joseph M. Dziob, Francis E. Dziob, Antonina A. Dziob, and Cecilia A. Kubaska as well as two sisters who died in infancy and childhood. He leaves several nieces and nephews.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for the repose of his soul was celebrated in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence on December 1 with Bishop Thomas J. Tobin as the main celebrant with Bishops Robert C. Evans, Louis E. Gelineau, Robert E. Mulvey, Robert J. McManus and Daniel P. Reilly and other clergy concelebrating. Rev. John A Kiley was the homilist. Burial was in St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery, Blackstone, Mass.

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