

## Father Timothy Ryan Passes in Henderson

The Rev. Timothy O'Sullivan Ryan, former pastor of the Church of the Holy Child, Caliente, and a priest associated with the Reno Catholic Diocese for the last 18 years, died at the Rose de Lima Hospital, Henderson, Friday.

Death ended a long and painful illness.

A requiem mass will be offered for him in St. Anne's after which the body will be brought to the Cathedral of St. Thomas Aquinas, Reno, where the Rosary and Office for the Dead will be recited on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and a Pontifical Mass of Requiem will be sung on Thursday at 9 a.m. Burial will be in Mater Dolorosa cemetery.

Father Ryan was born in Dubuque, Iowa, Sept. 29, 1894, a son of Edmund J. and Mary O'Sullivan Ryan. He received his early education in the parish schools of Dubuque and in St. Joseph's academy in that city. In 1912 he entered the novitiate of the Christian Brothers, a teaching community, and remained with them until 1918. Some years later he was directed to the priesthood, studied philosophy at St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kan., and theology at Mount Angel abbey, Ore. He was ordained for the Vicariate of Alaska by the Most Rev. Edward J. Howard, Archbishop of Portland, in May, 1932.

For nearly ten years he led the strenuous life of a missionary priest in the more remote areas of Alaska, dog-sledding it from post to post, exposed to many hardships. Declining health led him to return to the states and

to apply to the Most Rev. Thomas K. Gorman, then Bishop of Reno, for an appointment in this Diocese. Since 1942 he had served in a number of parishes, including St. Gall's, Gardnerville, St. Brendan's, Eureka, and at Caliente. One year ago he resigned from his charge in view of the incurable nature of his illness, and shortly after entered the Dominican Sisters' Hospital in Henderson.

Father Ryan, had traveled Nevada's trails and byways extensively. It was his special mission to ferret out lonely people dwelling in far-off places, forgotten mining towns and hidden ranches, and to bring them the opportunity of receiving the Sacraments. He counted as friends many of Nevada's authentic "old timers" whom he met on his periodic visits.

Celebrant of the Mass of Requiem in the Cathedral will be the Most Rev. Robert J. Dwyer, Bishop of Reno, assisted by priests of the Diocese who were intimately associated with Father Ryan.