

Service Tuesday For Rev. Ryan

MERRILL—The funeral service for the Rev. Frederick William Ryan, retired pastor of Sacred Heart Parish here, will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sacred Heart, with burial in St. Andrew's Cemetery at Grand Rapids.

Father Ryan died at 11:30 p.m. Saturday at his home, 16495 Gratiot Road, Hemlock.

The Solemn Funeral Mass will be celebrated in the presence of the Most Reverend Stephen S. Woznicki, bishop of the Saginaw Diocese, by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eugene A. Forbes, vicar general of the Diocese. The Merrill-Hemlock Knights of Columbus will meet at 9 p.m. tonight at Sacred Heart Church to recite the rosary.

Friends may call at the church in Merrill until the time of the service.

Father Ryan went to Sacred Heart Parish in May 1939, having been transferred from St. Michael Parish at Oakley. During his tenure at Merrill's Sacred Heart Church he built the present school and church which was completed shortly before his retirement on May 6, 1959.

Born in Grand Rapids on June 27, 1886, he took his elementary schooling in St. James Parochial School and his secondary schooling at St. Andrew's High School there. He studied at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, Wis., and completed his theological studies at Grand Seminary in Montreal, Quebec.

He was ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Henry J. Richter, bishop of Grand Rapids diocese on March 8, 1913, at St. Andrew Cathedral, Grand Rapids.

After ordination he was assigned as assistant pastor at St. Andrew Parish until Aug. 1, 1918. He then entered the Army as a chaplain, serving as a first lieutenant in the 13th Field Ar-



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tillery Bn. at Camp Lewis, Wash. His army duty was completed March 14, 1919.

Upon his return from service he was appointed pastor of St. Anne Parish at Harrisville, where he remained until Aug. 1, 1924. He then went to St. Francis de Sales, Holland, where he remained until Aug. 6, 1937. From there he went to St. Michael's at Oakley.

A stroke forced his retirement on May 6, 1959, after he had served Sacred Heart Parish for 20 years.

He leaves two sisters, Miss Louise E. Ryan, who had been his housekeeper for 46 years and Sister Mary Frederic, R.S.M., of Mercy College in Detroit. (See Obituary Column).