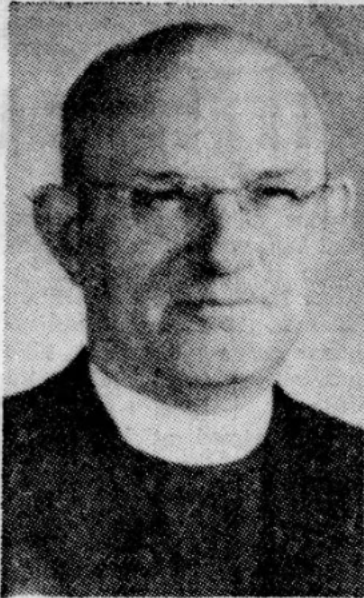


Rev. Thomas W. Ryan dies

Services will be held Tuesday for the Rev. Thomas William Ryan, 65, who served members of St. Brigid's Catholic parish for 12 years, from May 12, 1958 to Oct. 24, 1970.

Rev. Ryan died in the coronary unit of Midland Hospital Saturday morning. He had been a patient since January 13.

The Rev. Ryan was born Aug. 18, 1909 in Merrill. He studied at St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids and at St. Gregory's and St. Mary's Seminaries in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was ordained to the priesthood at St.



Andrews Cathedral in Grand Rapids April 21, 1935.

The Rev. Ryan's first assignment was assistant pastor of SS. Peter and Paul parish in Grand Rapids and as chaplain at Carmelite convent there from May 1, 1935 to April 2, 1936.

His next assignment was as assistant pastor at Holy Family parish in Saginaw, where he served from April 1936 to July 15, 1942. During that time he also functioned as diocesan director of the Union Parish Solidarities and diocesan director of the Catholic Youth Organization. In 1942, the Rev. Ryan was transferred to Alpena, where he served as an assistant pastor at St. Bernard parish until April 15, 1944, when he took charge of St. Paul Parish at Onaway. He remained there until June 14, 1957. He then became pastor of St. Mary's parish in Alma.

At the time of his death he served at the church of the Immaculate Conception in St. Charles. He was dean of the Midland Deanery in 1969.

The Rev. Ryan is survived by four brothers, Daniel O. Ryan of Detroit, the Rev. Francis J. Ryan of Denver, Colo., Richard E. Ryan of Breckenridge and David R. Ryan of Merrill; and three sisters, Mrs. Peter (Catherine) Fleming, Mrs. Everett (Sarah) Kennedy and Mrs. James (Mary L.) Buchley, all of Merrill.

A concelebrated mass will be offered 11 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Church in St. Charles, with the Rev. Francis Ryan the principle celebrant. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Friends may call at the church after 2 p.m. today until time of service. A Bible wake will be held 8 p.m. today.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Kendall Funeral Home in St. Charles.