

MOST REV. JOSEPH P. DENNING

The Most Rev. Joseph P. Denning, 84, an auxiliary bishop of the Brooklyn Diocese and pastor emeritus of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Forest Hills, died at St. John's Hospital in Queens yesterday after suffering a heart attack.

Denning, who had been the church's pastor since the early '60s, also had taught science at Cathedral College, the diocesan preparatory seminary formerly in Brooklyn.

A Mass will be offered at 8 a.m. today at the church, 110-06 Queens Blvd. Bishop Francis Mugavero will offer a Mass at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Denning is survived by a sister, Kathleen Farrell, and several nephews and nieces.