

The Rev. Msgr. Eugene Anthony Forbes

The Rev. Msgr. Eugene Anthony Forbes, 88, of Saginaw, beloved spiritual leader of many throughout the Tri-City area, passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at the James E. Cartwright Center.

He was born on Dec. 11, 1914, in Saginaw, to the late Eugene K. and Anna (Burke) Forbes. He attended St. Andrew's School in Saginaw and then St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids. After completing theology at St. Mary's in Baltimore, he was ordained by Bishop Murphy on June 7, 1941, and began his life-long passion as assistant pastor at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Saginaw. In 1944 he attended the University of Ottawa, where he obtained a doctorate in Canon Law. Upon his return in 1948, he was appointed chancellor of the Diocese, a post he held until 1962. He was pastor of St. Matthew's in Zilwaukee from 1949 to 1962 and was elevated to the rank of Monsignor in 1958. He later served as pastor of St. Mary's Cathedral from 1962 to 1974. In September of 1974 he became pastor of St. George and then in 1983 he served as pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Fisherville until December 2002. During his career with the Diocese of Saginaw he also served as vicar general from September of 1962 to July of 1987, assistant editor of the Catholic Weekly, chairman of the Fund-Raising Committee for St. Paul Seminary and chairman of the Catholic Cemetery Commission. He was very instrumental in

forming the Catholic Federal Credit Union. Throughout Monsignor's 61 years of service to our Lord and Savior and the Catholic community, he performed over 3400 baptisms, 1100 funerals and 1000 marriages.

He is survived by one brother and three sisters, Norbert (Helen) Forbes of Saginaw, Anne Sullivan of Virginia, Margaret Clifford of New Mexico and Sr. Rita Forbes of New York; his sister-in-law, Myrtle Forbes of Saranac; his dear friends and caregivers, Sally Czabala and family, John Deal and family and Jenny Geneseo and family; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He was predeceased by one brother, Raymond Forbes; one sister, Frances "Patricia" Deal; and three brothers-in-law, Raymond Deal, Frank Sullivan and William Clifford.

Funeral Mass will take place 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2003, at St. Mary Cathedral. Bishop Kenneth Untener will preside, with burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Friends may call at the **W.L. Case & co. Funeral Chapel**, 4480 Mackinaw Rd., Saginaw, today from 6 to 9 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Msgr. Forbes will then lie in state at St. Anthony of Fisherville from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday evening where a vigil service will be conducted by Fr. Thomas Sutton at 7:30 p.m. Visitation at St. Mary's Cathedral will take place Wednesday from 9 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider St. Anthony of Fisherville or their favorite charity.