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Rev. Joseph W. Roach

The Rev. Joseph W. Roach, a senior priest of the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw, died on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2015. Father Roach was born on May 17, 1924 in Carrollton, Mich. He received his elementary education at Carrollton Union School in Carrollton, Mich. and his secondary education at St. Andrew High School in Saginaw and St. Joseph High School in Saginaw. He received his college education at St. Joseph Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich. Father Roach continued his priestly formation at Sacred heart Seminary in Detroit, Mich., where he studied philosophy. He studied theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 1948 by the Most Rev. William F. Murphy, the first Bishop of Saginaw. Father Roach served many parishes across the Diocese of Saginaw, Mich. including: assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, Merrill: St. Joseph, Saginaw and St. Andrew, Saginaw. He served as Pastor of St. Elizabeth, Reese; St. John the Baptist, Standish; St. Anthony, Fisherville and St. George, Saginaw. Father Roach also served as diocesan director of Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. He attained Senior Priest status on May 1, 1989. Father Roach then moved to Southern California to be with his brother and family. He continued serving the Church in the San Bernardino Diocese. He moved to St. Michael's of Morongo Valley for retired priests and remained active filling in for vacationing priests whenever called upon. He continued being active in the diocese until his health started to decline in 2013. He moved to Ingleside Lodge in Yucca Valley. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bernard Roach 1993; sister-in-law Eulalia Roach 2010. He is survived by many nieces, nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his family and the many people whose lives he touched. He will be celebrated at Mass at St. Mary of The Valley in Yucca Valley, Friday Aug. 28, at 10 am. The Rosary will be recited before the Mass at 9:30 am. All funeral services have been entrusted to Rose Mortuary & Crematory (760) 251-7673. He will be inurned at Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery in Saginaw, Mich. with his mother and father.

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