

Msgr. J. J. Ryan To Retire Soon Here

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Ryan, who has served as pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart parish here for the past 33 years, will retire February 12, as announced this week by the Most Rev. Joseph M. Mueller, DD, Bishop of the Sioux City diocese. His successor as pastor of Sacred Heart is the Very Rev. Msgr. J. Lawrence Bauer, who has been superintendent of Heelan High School, Sioux City.

A native of Lewiston, Maine, Monsignor Ryan attended elementary schools of Lewiston and received his college education in New York State. He attended the seminary at LaVal University, Quebec, Canada, and was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1908 at Watertown, New York by the Most Rev. Henry Gabriels, DD, Bishop of Ogdensburg. Following his ordination, he attended the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. for one year, after which he came to the Sioux City diocese and has remained in the diocese more than 50 years.

Monsignor Ryan was appointed pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart on June 3, 1931, succeeding the late Father Edward Masterson when he was appointed to Corpus Christi church in Fort Dodge. Father Ryan has continued as pastor since that date.

In 1933, Monsignor Ryan celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the Priesthood and a parish celebration was held in his honor. In May, 1958, he observed his golden jubilee, at which time another parish celebration was held, with many in the community joining in the observance. At that time, announcement was made that he had been named a domestic prelate with the title of Right Rev. Monsignor, by the late Pope Pius XII.

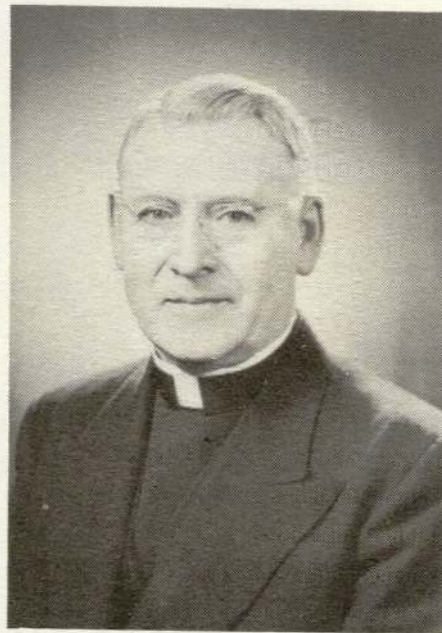


Monsignor Ryan

Since coming to Boone, Monsignor Ryan has guided the steady growth and progress of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parish. In the past 33 years there have been many major improvements and repairs of the church physical properties. The church has been twice redecorated, retaining the many original paintings which were painted by a Spanish artist during the pastorate of the late Monsignor B. C. Lenehan.

In 1951 the new Sacred Heart parochial school, consisting of elementary grades and high school was completed. Next major project was the completion of a modern and comfortable new convent for the Sisters of Charity, B.V.M., instructors at Sacred Heart. Enrollment has expanded in recent years to the extent where new classrooms and an auditorium are on the building agenda for the near future. A three-year fund-raising campaign was recently completed as a foundation for this expected \$275,000 project.

In 1950, Monsignor Ryan was one of the priests from the diocese who made the Holy Year



Rev. Msgr. John J. Ryan
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Pilgrimage to Rome and other shrines of the Old World. The trip was made possible for him as a gift from the congregation and friends of the parish.

Before coming to Boone, Monsignor Ryan served as an assistant pastor at the Cathedral of the Epiphany at Sioux City, and served as pastor of St. John's Church at Onawa, Sacred Heart Church at Early, St. Michael's Church in Sioux City and St. Joseph's Church at Salix, where a beautiful new church was built during his pastorate.

Upon his retirement, Monsignor Ryan plans to leave Boone for a vacation in Florida, after which he will return to Boone, and his plans for the future are indefinite, although he will remain in the Sioux City diocese.

A farewell recognition party is being planned for Monsignor Ryan, to be held Sunday evening, February 9th, at 8 o'clock at the Boone Golf and Country Club. The public is invited. Further details will be announced next week.

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Farewell Held At Boone For Msgr. J. Ryan

Boone - (Special) - "It's goodbye to the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Ryan as pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, but not goodbye to Monsignor Ryan as a good friend in the community", was the predominating sentiment expressed at a farewell party in his honor Sunday evening, February 9 at the Boone Golf and Country Club.

The event was open to the public and many non-Catholic friends joined with members of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parish in paying tribute to the Monsignor, who has retired as pastor of Sacred Heart after 33 years in Boone.

There were many friends and former parishioners present from over the state--and out of the state. Members of the clergy attending from out of the city were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. L. McEvoy, dean and pastor of Corpus Christi, Fort Dodge, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. C. J. Ivis, Storm Lake, a former Boone resident, Father Richard Macke, Dayton, Father John P. McGuire, Jefferson, Father Francis Illg, Ogden, Father William Buchholz, Lohrville, Father James Fangman, Estherville, and Father Robert Fangman, Fort Dodge, sons of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Fangman, Boone.

Jordan is Toastmaster

Richard T. Jordan, serving as master of ceremonies for the informal program, opened the remarks with a brief review of Monsignor Ryan's achievements in Sacred Heart parish since 1931. Monsignor Ivis spoke next of his association with the guest of honor, as a priest and close friend; Father Macke, a former assistant pastor at Sacred Heart, recalled his five years in Boone with Monsignor Ryan as a source of inspiration; Robert E. Mahoney, speaking in behalf of the parish, paid further tribute to the Monsignor, closing with

the quote, "we will never forget what he did here", in reference to the many major accomplishments, physically and spiritually, in the parish. Father Richard Remmes, present assistant pastor, paid further tribute.

The speaking program closed with farewell sentiments and thoughts by Monsignor Ryan, who expressed his appreciation to all in the parish and throughout the community who have cooperated in making his years at Sacred Heart fruitful and happy. He paid tribute to his successor, The Very Rev. Msgr. J. L. Bauer, who has been appointed the new pastor at Sacred Heart and assumed his duties Ash Wednesday. In conclusion, he said, "The loyalty and cooperation of the parish and community have been a great help. No one stands alone. The work of the organizations, the faith of the people, the cooperation of all help a pastor in doing God's work in the best way possible. Remember me in your prayers, goodbye, and God bless you".

Presented A Purse

Monsignor Ryan was presented a purse of money from members of the parish and friends in appreciation of his 33 years of service to the local parish. He also received other gifts, a telephone greeting from the Rt. Rev. Monsignor J. H. Duhigg of Estherville, who is vacationing in La Jolla, Calif., a former assistant pastor here, and from Father C. E. Farrelly of Emmetsburg, also a one-time assistant pastor. During the evening, telegrams were read from relatives in Rhode Island.

With the assistant pastor, Father Remmes, serving as general chairman, arrangements for the party were supervised by all of the organizations of Sacred Heart parish and St. Mary's parish, as follows: Sacred Heart Altar Society, St. Mary's Altar Society, Home and School Association, Leo Council No. 814, Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Woman's Study Club, The Sacred Heart Discussion

Club, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Sacred Heart Athletic Association and the Legion of Mary.

Assisting the organizations in the arrangements were the members of the Sacred Heart parish board of directors, Fred

E. Vitt and Richard Jordan. A former director, James J. Deering of Denver, Colorado, who served on the board for many years, accompanied by Mrs. Deering, came to Boone for the weekend to participate in the farewell event.

Monsignor Ryan Dies Suddenly At Sioux City

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. John J. Ryan, 79, who retired as pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart Feb. 12, 1964 after serving as pastor since June 3rd, 1931, died suddenly, this Monday morning, Nov. 2, of an apparent heart attack. Death came about 6:30, while Monsignor Ryan was distributing communion at All Souls Day mass he was celebrating at St. Monica's Home in Sioux City, where he had been serving as chaplain since his retirement from Sacred Heart.

Funeral services will be held at the Blessed Sacrament church, 30th and Jackson Street, Sioux City, Thursday morning, November 5th, at 10 o'clock. The body will lie in state at the Larkin Funeral Home, 821 Jennings Street, Sioux City, until time for the funeral mass. Interment will be in the Priest's lot in Calvary Cemetery, Sioux City.

One nephew and three nieces survive: Lawrence J. Drew, New London, Conn., Mrs. Marion Toohey, Miss Helen E. Drew and Miss Margaret Drew, Providence, Rhode Island. The late Monsignor Ryan, a native of Lewiston, Maine, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood in 1908 at Watertown, New York, and had served as pastor in the Sioux City diocese for more than 50 years. He was named a domestic prelate with the title of Right Rev. Monsignor, by the late Pope Pius XII, in May, 1958.

A requiem high mass will be solemnized at the Church of the Sacred Heart Tuesday morning, November 3, at 11 o'clock for Monsignor Ryan, with the pastor, the Very Rev. Msgr. J. L. Bauer, celebrant. Students of Sacred Heart school will attend the mass, which will be sung by the school choir. The public is invited.

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