

## Fr. Francis Reid, 84

*June 10, 1922 - April 15, 2007*

**PARK RAPIDS, MN** - Francis Robert Reid, son of William and Lillian (Meyers) Reid, was born June 10, 1922, at Dedham. He received his elementary education at St. Boniface in Westphalia and later graduated from St. Paul's High School in Defiance. Before furthering his education, Francis worked for a hatchery and was involved with the Boy Scouts of America. He was also instrumental in establishing a basketball program at St. Michael's Catholic School in Harlan, which he coached for several years. He then continued his education at Loras College, Mount St. Bernard Seminary in Dubuque, and St. Procopius Seminary in Lisle, IL. He was ordained a priest May 23, 1964, at St. Cecilia's Cathedral in Omaha, NE, by Archbishop G.T. Bergan. Father Reid joined the Diocese of Crookston in Minnesota in 1964, and began serving as an Associate Pastor at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Crookston. He further served the following parishes: St. Philip's in Bemidji; St. Rose of Lima in Argyle; St. Bernard's in Thief River Falls; St. Clement's in Grygla; St. Anne's in Goodridge; St. Ann's in Waubun; and as Pastor at St. John's in Ackley; Immaculate Conception in Nevis; St. Theodore's in Laporte; St. Michael's in Mahanomen; Immaculate Conception in Bejou; St. Peter's in Park Rapids; St. Mary's in Two Inlets; St. Theodore in Ponsford; St. Catherine's in Itasca Park, retiring in July of 1992. He spent his retirement years at Little Man Trap Lake, rural Park Rapids, and Mahanomen. Throughout his life, Father Reid served the Lord and performed various works of charity. He entered the Twin Valley Living Center in Twin Valley, MN in December of 2005. This is where he died April 15, 2007.

Father Reid was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Rita Weihs; brothers Christopher, Delbert, Malvern, Joseph, William, and Clarence. He is survived by one sister, Yvonne (Donald) Whannell; a brother-in-law, Louis Weihs; nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 18, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Mahanomen, MN. An additional Mass was held April 19, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Harlan. Burial was in the Harlan Cemetery. Anderson-Mattson Funeral Home, in Mahanomen, MN, with local assistance from Burmeister-Johannsen Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.