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James Edward Reardon

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The Rev. James Reardon

The Rev. James Edward Reardon died March 11, 2007, in St. Paul, Minn. He was 72. Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 16, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, St. Paul, with the Rev. Bryan O'Rourke officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul.

James Reardon was born Nov. 16, 1934, in St. Paul, the son of James Earl and Mary (McDermott) Reardon. He attended St. Mark's Grade School, Cretin High School and St. Thomas College, all in St. Paul. From 1959 to 1961 he attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, Winona, Minn., where he received a bachelor's degree. He received his theological training at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, graduating in 1965. He was ordained a priest on March 13, 1965, at the St. Paul Cathedral, by Archbishop Leo Binz.

Between 1965 and 1969, he served for a short time as an assistant at the following parishes, St. Mary's, New England, St. James, Powers Lake, St. Patrick, Crosby, St. John the Apostle, Minot, Saint Anne's, Bismarck, St. Mary's, Bismarck, Christ the King, Mandan, and St. Joseph, Dickinson. He also taught at St. Mary's Central High School, Bismarck, and Trinity High School, Dickinson, during that time.

From June 1969 to June 1972, he served as assistant pastor at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, before becoming pastor at the Church of St. Martin, Huff, where he served from 1972 to 1978. During that time he was also chaplain at the N.D. Industrial School, Mandan. He was named pastor of the Church of St. Gertrude, Raleigh, where he served from 1978 to 1979. He then became pastor of the Church of St. Bridget, Parshall, and its missions at Plaza and Makoti, where he served from 1979 to 1982.

From Parshall, the Rev. Reardon moved to Center, where he was pastor at the Church of St. Martin and the mission of St. Edwin, Washburn, as well as serving as parish administrator of the Church

of St. Joseph, Beulah. He left those parishes in 1998, and became pastor of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Mott, and the mission of St. John the Baptist, New Leipzig, where he served until 2000, at which time he retired from active ministry.

Following retirement, he resided at Emmaus Place, Bismarck, for a time before moving to St. Paul.

The Rev. Reardon is survived by two brothers, Raymond, St. Paul, and John, Cedar, Minn.; three sisters, Ellen Ann Nardini and Rita Brooks, both of St. Paul, and Rosemary Happe, Livermore, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

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