



Father William Ryan Dies

Father William Dennis Ryan died on January 7, 2012. He was 95 years old.

William Ryan was born on June 11, 1916, in Chicago to Dennis Stephen Ryan and Mary Ellen O'Connor Ryan. He was baptized at St. Bonaventure Church in Chicago on June 25, 1916. After attending one year of high school at DePaul Academy in Chicago, he transferred to the Divine Word Seminary. Later he studied at Sacred Heart Junior College in Girard, Pennsylvania, then at the University of Michigan where he received a Certificate in Japanese in 1945. He earned a Bachelor's degree in English (1949) and a Master's degree in philosophy from Loyola University in Chicago, an STL from Catholic University (1955) and an M.Ed. from Loyola University (1958).

From the 1930's to the 1950's, William Ryan worked for an advertising agency in Chicago where he wrote radio and television commercials as well as newspaper and magazine advertisements. At one time he was associated with J.S. Paluch Co. in Chicago. He served in the military during World War II and as a lay missionary to Japan.

William Ryan was ordained a deacon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. and was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1955, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond by Bishop Martin D. McNamara.

Father Ryan's assignments included associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish, Elmhurst (1955); associate pastor at St. Alexis Parish, Bensenville (1959); pastor at Holy Ghost Parish, Wood Dale (1961); associate pastor at Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst (1980); and pastor at St. Andrew Parish, Romeoville (1982). After his retirement in 1985, he taught in Japan for a year and then resided at St. John Vianney Villa in Naperville.

Father Ryan is credited with many published articles and book reviews. He authored several booklets, including *The Red Lily*; *The Pyre*; *Death Rather Than Sin*; *Bepi*; and *The Other Christ*.

The body of Father Ryan will lie in state at Holy Ghost Church in Wood Dale on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.** Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Ghost Church in Wood Dale on **Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** May he rest in peace.