

Three bishops take part in Msgr. Kenny rites

A Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated Monday for Msgr. John J. Kenny, pastor emeritus of St. Brendan's Church, Riverside, and a former superintendent of schools for the Diocese, who died last Wednesday.

Msgr. Kenny, 73, was a Pawtucket native. He was the son of the late Dennis and Rose (McMahon) Kenny, and was a graduate of St. Joseph's School, Pawtucket; and LaSalle Academy.

After two years at Providence College, he entered the American College at Louvain, Belgium, and was ordained there in 1928.

He celebrated his first Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Pawtucket.

The next year he was named an assistant at Holy Trinity Church, Central Falls. That same year he received a master's degree from Catholic University, Washington, D.C., and was appointed assistant school superintendent for the diocese—a post he held until his appointment as superintendent in 1957. He remained in that post until 1960.

During his years as a priest he served as chaplain of St. Francis House, Woonsocket, and later as chaplain for the Little Sisters of the Poor, Pawtucket.

He was named pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Church, West Warwick, in 1952 and became pastor of St. Brendan's in 1959. In 1957 he was named a Monsignor.

In 1972, Msgr. Kenny became pastor emeritus of St. Brendan's.



MONSIGNOR KENNY

Among the many posts held by Msgr. Kenny were those of president of the Diocesan Health Council and a member of the advisory board of Salve Regina College. He was also president of the American Alum Association of the Catholic University of Louvain, a member of the board of both St. Joseph's Hospital and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital nursing schools, and a member of the executive board of Catholic Teachers College.

He is survived by a brother, Francis J. Kenny, of Pawtucket.

The Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated in St. Brendan's with Bishop Gelineau as principal concelebrant. Other concelebrants included Bishop Angell, Bishop Daniel P. Reid of Norwich, and more than 100 diocesan priests. Msgr. John Tully was homilist.

Burial was in Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery, Pawtucket.