

Pontifical Mass To Be Sung For Father McGowan

WINTHROP — A Solemn Pontifical High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in St. Francis Xavier Church by The Most Rev. Daniel J. Feeney, bishop of Portland, for the Rev. Joseph R. McGowan, 72, retired pastor of the church.

Father McGowan, a former assistant pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Portland, died Friday in a Lewiston hospital.

Interment will be in the family lot in Pawtucket, R.I.

Father McGowan was born March 4, 1890 in Pawtucket, a son of Michael and Catherine Gillespie McGowan. He attended LaSalle Academy there and Niagara University, New York.

Later he studied philosophy and theology at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, and Catholic University, Washington, D.C. He was ordained a priest May 25, 1920 in Baltimore by the late Cardinal Gibbons.

He served as assistant at St. Mary's, Augusta, from 1920 to 1925 and at Sacred Heart Church, Portland, from 1925 to 1929. He was director and chaplain of Camp Gregory, Gray, for five years while at Sacred Heart.

He was appointed pastor of St. Francis Xavier in 1929 and held that assignment until his retirement in 1957 due to ill health.

He is survived by a brother, William L. McGowan, Providence, R. I., and a sister, Mrs. William Walsh, Pawtucket, R.I.