



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau

Office of the Vicar General

January 12, 2021

Dear Bishops, Monsignors, Fathers, and Deacons,

It is with great sympathy that I write to let you know on Monday, January 11, 2021, Monsignor Richard C. Rolwing, 93 years of age, passed away. Msgr. Rolwing was a retired priest of our diocese and resided in Cape Girardeau. His funeral arrangements are as follows:

Evening Prayers- Clergy Only	Friday, January 15	St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau	3-4 p.m.
Public Visitation	Friday, January 15	St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau	4-7 p.m.; followed by rosary with parishioners
Public Visitation	Saturday, January 16	St. Henry Parish, Charleston	8:30-9:30 a.m.
Funeral Mass	Saturday, January 16	St. Henry Parish, Charleston	10 a.m.
Burial	Saturday, January 16	Texas Bend Cemetery, Charleston	Following Funeral

(Priests are reminded of their obligation to offer three Masses for the happy repose of the soul of Msgr. Rolwing)

Msgr. Rolwing was born on May 8, 1927, in Charleston, MO, to Paul L. Rolwing and Elizabeth (Wessels) Rolwing. He attended St. Louis Prep Seminary and Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis. Msgr. Rolwing was ordained on February 28, 1953, by Cardinal Joseph Ritter for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. His first assignment was to St. Peter Parish in Kirkwood MO. He was incardinated to the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau on April 29, 1957.

Msgr. Rolwing began his first assignment for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau as Associate Pastor at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston on April 29, 1957. Many of his other pastoral duties included Associate Pastor of St. Agnes Cathedral in Springfield; Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Piedmont with its Missions St. George in Van Buren and Our Lady of Sorrows in Williamsville; Pastor of St. Mary Parish in West Plains and its Mission Sacred Heart in Thayer; Pastor of Holy Trinity Parish in Springfield; Pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Oran; Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Branson; and Pastor of St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral in Cape Girardeau.

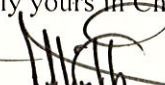
Some of Msgr. Rolwing's many other assignments included: Chaplain for Knights of Columbus in Sikeston; Vicar Forane for West Plains Deanery; Deanery Moderator for Council of Catholic Women; Diocesan Consultor; Deanery Director of Cana Conference for the Deanery in Springfield; State Chaplain for Missouri State Council of Knights of Columbus; and Vicar General for the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

One of the most notable accomplishments of Msgr. Rolwing's priestly ministry was the founding of Holy Trinity Parish in Springfield in 1966. He was also named Monsignor by Pope John Paul II on January 25, 1990.

Monsignor retired from active ministry on June 1, 2003, where he then resided in Cape Girardeau. Msgr. Rolwing continued to be of service, even in retirement to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Sikeston and St. Henry Parish in Charleston. In his retirement, he also served on the Saint Francis Medical Center Mission Integration Team and volunteered at the Missouri Veterans Home in Cape Girardeau.

May he rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Reverend Shoby M. Chettyyath
 Vicar General

**Please RSVP to me if you plan on attending the Funeral Mass & boxed lunch*