



# Reverend Monsignor William H. Schwartz, P.A., S.T.L.

May 18, 1943 — January 31, 2024

The Chancery received word that Reverend Monsignor William H. Schwartz, P.A., S.T.L., 80, of Williams Bay, WI., died on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, while under hospice care in Oregon, IL.

Monsignor was born on May 18, 1943, in Aurora, IL, to Harry and Eula Mable (Satterlee) Schwartz. Monsignor attended and graduated high school from Marmion Military Academy (1957-1961). He then attended Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa (1961-1965) where he received a BA in History. He then attended The Pontifical North American College, Rome, Italy (1965-1969) where he received a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.).

Monsignor Schwartz was ordained to the priesthood on December 20, 1968, by the Most Reverend Francis Reh in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. Monsignor's first assignments were as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph Parish, Elgin (1969-1971) and on the faculty of St. Edward Central Catholic High School, Elgin (1971-1972). He then was assigned as Director of Religious Education at Newman Central Catholic High School (1972-1976), Sterling, Assistant Principal at Newman CCHS (1975), and Principal at Newman CCHS (1975-1976). He then was assigned as Parochial Vicar to St. Mary Parish, McHenry (1976-1977), and then was appointed Administrator of St. Andrew Parish, Rock Falls (1977-1978). He was also appointed Diocesan Associate Scout Chaplain (1978-1996). He then was appointed Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Sterling, Illinois (1978), and then Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Sterling, Illinois, and DRE at Newman CCHS, Sterling, Illinois (1978-1983). He then was appointed Pastor of St. Mary Parish, DeKalb, Illinois (1983-1995). He also served as Associate Vocation Director and Director of the Branches Vocation Discernment Program (1983-1994). Monsignor was appointed Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter, Rockford (1995-2007). He also served as a member of the Diocesan Presbyteral Council (1996-2006), as a part-time teacher at Boylan CCHS, Rockford (1995-2007), as Assistant Principal and DRE of Boylan CCHS, Rockford (2000-2006), and as a member of the Priests' Health Committee (2001-2006). He then was assigned as Director of the Permanent Diaconate (2007-2012). He was named a Prelate of Honor in 1996 and a Protonotary Apostolic Supernumerary—the highest level of "Monsignor" in 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II.

Monsignor Schwartz retired from active ministry on June 29, 2012. He continued to assist on weekends at St. Catherine Parish, Sharon, WI (2007-2016). He was a professor at George Williams College of Aurora University, Williams Bay, WI, teaching history, government, and theology, and serving as Director of Spirituality (2007-2023).