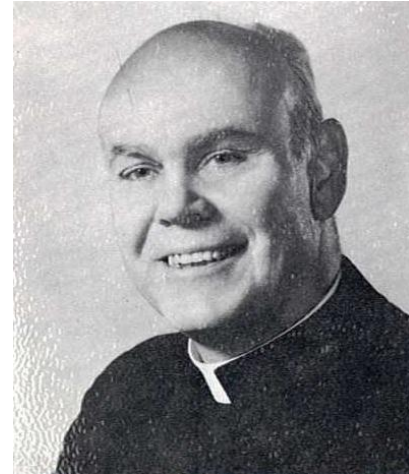


Monsignor David John Boyle (1912-1974)

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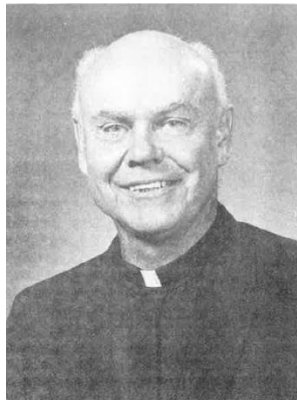
David John Boyle was born in Waupun, Wisconsin, June 13, 1912, the son of Daniel and Catherine Donovan Boyle. He attended St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for his priestly training, and was ordained for the Diocese of Fargo at St. Francis Seminary Chapel on May 26, 1938, by the Most Reverend Aloisius J. Muench.

Monsignor Boyle's first assignment after ordination was assistant pastor at St. Mary's Cathedral Parish, Fargo. He remained there until the fall of 1939 leaving to take up post-graduate studies at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.



Receiving a Doctorate in Canon Law in 1942, Monsignor Boyle became the Vice-Officialis of the Fargo Diocese and was also Chaplain of St. John's Hospital in Fargo. From June 1948 until July 1953, he served as Chancellor of the Diocese.

Monsignor Boyle returned to parish work when he became pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Grand Forks, January 1, 1955, and remained there for seventeen years. In 1958 he was named Officialis of the Diocese.



On October 11, 1963, Monsignor Boyle was named Domestic Prelate by Pope Paul VI with the ceremony of investiture being held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fargo, December 16, 1963.

Returning to Fargo in 1971, Monsignor Boyle took up duties in the Chancery as Officialis with full responsibility for the Marriage Tribunal. At the same time he was appointed Vice-Chancellor and became Chaplain to the Sisters of the Presentation of Sacred Heart Convent, Fargo.

On Holy Saturday morning, April 13, 1974, Monsignor Boyle died following a prolonged illness with cancer. He was 61 years of age. His remains were buried beside his many priestly friends and co-workers at Holy Cross Cemetery, Fargo.