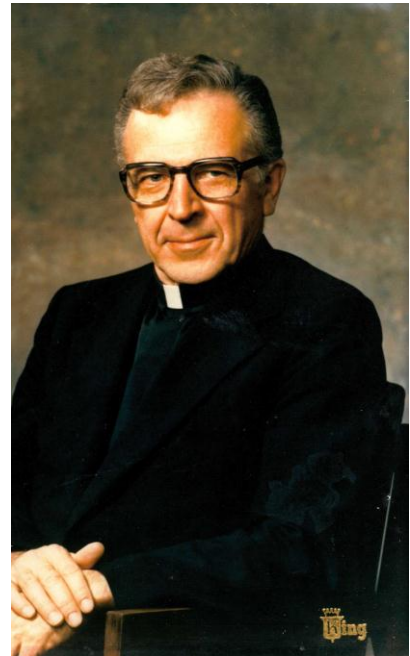


## **Father Donald J. Cote 1924-1999**

*The following is an obituary provided by the Diocese of Fargo, ND.*

Father Donald J. Cote, 74, Hatton, North Dakota died Sunday, February 28, 1999, in Tri-County Nursing Home, Hatton.

Donald was born October 14, 1924 in Jefferson, South Dakota, the son of Alcid A. and Louise (Loiselle) Cote. He graduated from high school at Notre Dame Academy in Willow City, North Dakota, then attended Corsier Seminary, Onamia, Minnesota. He finished his post-graduate work at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. After his ordination June 4, 1949 in Willow City, ND by Bishop Leo Dworschak, he served as a priest in the Fargo Diocese. Father Cote served as pastor of St. Mary's in Grand Forks, North Dakota and rural parishes of Westhope, Edgeley (1963-79), Sanborn and Michigan, all North Dakota. After 46 years of pastoral ministry, he retired in 1994 in Hatton, but continued to substitute in various parishes until his death.



Father Don's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of priestly ordination would have been June 4, 1999. Due to the state of his illness, he anticipated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on June 28, 1998 with a special celebration at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Hillsboro, North Dakota.

His hobbies included hunting, card playing, woodworking and fishing.

He is survived by two brothers, Roland (Marilyn), Moorhead, Minnesota, and Father Duaine, Edgeley; and a sister, Leatrice Campion, Moorhead; seven nephews and five nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alcid and Louise Cote and sister, Sister Maurine, M.M. Father Cote is laid to rest in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Edgeley.