

# Rev. Msgr. Michael Joseph McMahon

## 25<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1958-60



Michael Joseph McMahon was born April 19, 1902, in Beale, Ballybunion, Ireland. He completed his classic studies at St. Michael's College in Listowell, Ireland and studied philosophy and theology at St. Kieran's College in Kilkenny, Ireland. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Roche in Ireland on June 10, 1928.

On Nov. 1, 1928, he was appointed assistant at St. Francis Cathedral in Baker, OR where he served until July 16, 1930, when he became pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish, Ontario, OR. On Jan. 20, 1936, he was named pastor of Our Lady of the Valley Parish, La Grande.

He was appointed pastor at The Dalles on Sept. 1, 1955, and served there until his retirement July 15, 1972.

Msgr. McMahon became a diocesan consultor in 1938 and served in that capacity under Bishop McGrath, Bishop Leipzig and Bishop Connolly. He also was a member of the Senate of Priests. He served as a synodal judge for the Baker Diocese from 1935 to 1945 as parish priest consultor from 1940 to 1950 as dean of the Eastern Deanery from 1945 to 1955 as promotor justitiae from 1946 to 1951 and as dean of the Western Deanery from Sept. 1, 1955, until his retirement.



Msgr. McMahon was on the Council for Vigilance of the Faith in 1955 and a member of the Clergy Relief Committee in 1957. He served on the Diocesan Health and Retirement Committee in 1969 and was a member of the health committee from 1960 to 1968.

Msgr. McMahon was administrator of the Baker Diocese from April 17, 1950 following the death of Bishop McGrath, until Sept. 12, 1950, when Bishop Leipzig was installed. He was made a domestic prelate with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor Oct. 6, 1955, and invested with the honor on Jan. 25, 1956.

Msgr. McMahon was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin 1958–60.

Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Joseph McMahon died July 10, 1973 in The Dalles, OR.

He is buried at the in St. Peter's Paris Center Cemetery, The Dalles, OR.

