Monsignor Philip Michael Hanley

Msgr. Philip Hanley age 85 years, passed away peacefully at Mount St. Mary's Hospital on Friday, October 29, 2010. During his courageous struggle with Parkinson's disease, Philip still maintained his intellectual spirit and wonderful sense of humor. He was born June 6, 1925 in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, the fourth of 10 siblings. Predeceased by his father, Donald and mother, Jennie; sister, Ellenor; brothers, Norbert, Lloyd, Earl and Berny; sisters in-law, Claire, Florence and Elaine; brother's in-law, Walter and Pat. Philip is survived by his brothers, Martin (Beverly), Dom and sisters, Margaret (Ben), Mary and brother in-law Karel. Philip was raised in a devout Catholic family and realized in his early years that his vocation was to be a Priest. He was ordained on May 20th, 1951 at St. Andrew's Cathedral and served as Pastor in a number of Parishes over the years on Vancouver Island. He attended Lumen Vitae University, Brussels, to major in the latest Catechetical program; obtained his Masters Degree in Theology from the University of Ottawa and received a Doctorate in Theology (Cum Laude) from the Georgian University in Rome. Philip authored his manuscript on the HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC LADDER and later his EARLY HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON VANCOUVER ISLAND. In 1982. Philip was invested as a Prelate of Honor (Monsignor) at St. Andrews Cathedral. In 1999, due to health concerns, he retired from active Ministry as Pastor of St. Patrick's Parish. Though Philip was a scholarly man, one of his greatest pleasures was interacting with people. He had the most natural ability to make everyone feel that they were special. Coming from a large Family, he was an Uncle to many nieces and nephews; always showing support and encouragement with his customary big smile…. never judgmental. His affection for his Family and his love of the Priesthood were the foundation of his life. He very much enjoyed Family activities

including skiing, fishing and golfing. Philip was respected by so many and will be truly missed. The Family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation for the special care given to our Brother by the Staff and Management of Mount St. Mary’s and his personal physician, Dr. John Jollymore.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 3rd at 10 am in St. Andrew’s Cathedral, Blanshard & View Streets, with viewing between 9:15 am and 9:45 am. Interment to follow at Royal Oak Burial Park. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mcccallbros.com.