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## The Rev. Michael Krank

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**D**ICKINSON — The Rev. Michael Krank died Nov. 28, 2010, at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center, Dickinson. Funeral Mass for the Rev. Krank, 84, Dickinson, will be held at 10 a.m. MST Thursday, Dec. 2, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Dickinson, with the Most Rev. Paul A. Zipfel, Bishop of Bismarck, presiding. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Dickinson.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. MST at Stevenson Funeral Home, Dickinson, continuing from 5 to 9 p.m. MST at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, where a rosary and vigil service will be conducted at 7 p.m. MST. Visitation will continue on Thursday, one hour prior to the Mass at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Dickinson.

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The Rev. Krank was born Oct. 11, 1926, the son of Christian and Anna Mary (Heiser) Krank in Dickinson. He grew up in a family of 14 in the Scheffield area, later attending schools in Dickinson. The Rev. Krank graduated from high school at the Assumption Abbey, Richardton (1944-1946). He attended St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., from 1946 to 1952. He received a B.A. degree in 1952. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 1952, at the Church of St. Joseph, Dickinson, by the Most Rev. Lambert Hoch.

His first assignment was assistant pastor at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, from June to August, 1952. He was then assigned as assistant pastor at St. Leo, Minot, from 1952 to 1954; St. Joseph, Dickinson, from 1954 to 1956; and St. Mary, Bismarck, from 1956 to 1958. He also taught at St. Mary's Central High School, Bismarck, from 1956 to 1966. The Rev. Krank was then appointed administrator at St. Vincent, Crown Butte, from 1958 to 1966. He was then appointed administrator at St. Aloysius, Hague, from 1966 to 1973, and then appointed pastor of St. Mary, Hague, from 1973 to 1978. On June 29, 1966, the Rev. Krank was appointed superintendent in charge of the administration of the new Emmons Central High School, Strasburg.

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In July 1978, he served as pastor of St. Michael, rural Linton, and its mission, St. Aloysius, Hague, and continuing there until August 1985. He was then appointed pastor of St. Joseph, Dickinson, until June 1990. The Rev. Krank was appointed pastor

of St. Henry, Regent, from June 1990 to July 1997. The Rev. Krank retired July 1, 1997, and moved to Emmaus Place, Bismarck, and later moved to Dickinson.

He always desired to reach out to distant family members and get more acquainted with them and cherished the new friendships. The Rev. Krank had a great sense of humor and always came ready with a new joke to tell. He enjoyed football and was a big supporter of the local team wherever he resided and wasn't afraid to tell the local coach what he was doing wrong should the subject come up. The Rev. Krank was a big fan of Lawrence Welk and had the opportunity to meet him several times. He enjoyed traveling as well as showing his slides to the family when he returned home.

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Survivors include two brothers, Martin (Elsie) Krank and Joe (Dorothy) Krank, all of Dickinson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Steve, Frank, Casper and Richard; five sisters, Rose Roache, Margret Hirsch, Mary Ehresman, Sister Clementine and Ann Jahner; and two infant babies.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at

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