Obituaries

The Rev. Ferdinand A. Hattala, 82, Dies

A requiem Mass for the Rev. Ferdinand A. Hattala, 82, of 9 Bedford St., Homer, who died Friday at his home, will be said at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in St. Stephen's Church, Syracuse. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt.

Father Hattala's body will lie in state from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in St. Stephen's Church. A vigil service for the death of a priest will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the church.

Calling hours will be 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Eaton-Tubbs-Schepp Funeral Home, 130 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville.

Born in Czechoslovakia, he came to the United States at an early age and grew up in Syracuse. The Rev. Hattala graduated from Central High School and attended St. Procopius College, Lisle, Ill., before graduating from St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester.

He was ordained a priest in 1934 in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, by the Very Rev. John Duffy, bishop of Syracuse. His assignments included associate pastorships at Immaculate Conception Church, Fulton: St. Mary's Church, Baldwinsville; and St. Anne's Church, Binghamton.

The Rev. Hattala was pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Syracuse, for 24 years. He served as pastor of St. Anne's Church, Binghamton, for 10 years, retiring in 1973.

Surviving are one sister, Maryann Matzko of Trenton, N.J.; five brothers, George of Auburn, Joseph of Liverpool, John of Spartanburg, S.C., Michael of Mattydale and Albert of DeWitt; and several nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made to a memorial established in in Father Hattala's name in care of Michael Hattala, 317 Kirsch Drive, Mattydale.