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## John H. Kuhn

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**T**he Rev. John Kuhn

The Rev. John H. Kuhn, Bismarck, died March 15, 2006, at the Napoleon Care Center. Services will be held Monday, March 20, at 1 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, Mandan, with Bishop Paul A. Zipfel presiding. Homilist will be the Rev. Albert Leary. Burial will be in Mandan Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 18, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, Napoleon. A vigil service will be held there at 7 p.m. that evening with the Rev. Donald Leiphon presiding.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Agnes Larkin Family Parish Life Center at Christ the King Catholic Church in Mandan, where a rosary by Catholic Daughter Court of Immaculate Conception, Bismarck, Catholic Daughter St. Cecilia Court, Mandan, and Christian Mothers of Christ the King will be held at 4 p.m., followed by a Knights of Columbus rosary at 6:30 p.m. and vigil service at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Albert Leary presiding.

Pallbearers will be the Revs. Marvin Klemmer, James Shea, Bruce Krebs, Edwin Wehner, Chris Kadrmas and Patrick Schumacher. Honorary pallbearers will be the Revs. Jack O'Leary, Leonard Eckroth, William Rushford, Jacob Schumacher, George Dukart and Chris Walter.

John Herman Kuhn was born on June 23, 1917, at Napoleon. He received his elementary education in the Foster School District, Napoleon. He then attended Assumption Abbey in Richardton from 1931 to 1937. He received his theological training at St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wis., graduating with an A.B. degree in 1943.

He was ordained to the priesthood, for the Diocese of Bismarck, Nov. 23, 1943, in Milwaukee by Bishop Moses Kiley.

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His first assignment in the diocese was at the Church of St. Anthony, Linton, where he served as assistant pastor from December 1943 to February 1944. He then spent two months as assistant pastor at the Church of St. Charles, Bowman; assistant pastor at the Church of St. Joseph, Dickinson, from 1944 to 1945, and as assistant pastor at the Church of St. Leo, Minot, from 1946-1947. Father Kuhn's first pastorate was Church of Our Lady of Consolation, Alexander, where he served from 1947 to 1951. He then became pastor at the Church of St. Luke, Noonan, from 1951 to 1957. From there he moved to Williston and served for ten years as pastor at the Church of St. Joseph. In June of 1967, he became pastor at the Church of Our Lady of Grace, Minot, and remained there until 1970. He then came to Christ the King, Mandan, where he held his longest pastorate - 16 years - from 1970 to 1986. From 1986 to 1990, he served as pastor at the Church of St. Hildegard, Menoken, and its mission, the Church of St. Anthony, Driscoll. Father Kuhn also served as the dean of the Mandan Deanery in 1977.

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During his many years as a pastor, Father Kuhn's mother, Caroline, lived with him and served as his housekeeper. She was known among the priests of the diocese as the "epitome of hospitality." She died October 5, 1985.

Father Kuhn retired on June 30, 1990, and moved to Emmaus Place, the priests' retirement home in Bismarck, where he resided until moving to the Napoleon Care Center in February 2006. During his retirement, Father Kuhn continued to help out in

parishes as needed and also said Mass at Marillac Manor Retirement Home and St. Vincent's Care Center in Bismarck. People will remember Father Kuhn for his deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Father Kuhn is survived by many cousins.

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