

FW monsignor E. Langenhorst dies at age 82

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FORT WORTH — Monsignor Ernest Langenhorst, who observed his 50th anniversary as a priest in 1980, died Monday at a Fort Worth nursing home at the age of 82.

Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

During more than five decades as a priest, Langenhorst worked closely with leaders of other religions and gave periodic lectures at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He often stressed the need for "Christians to be nice to one another."

Born in Holland, Langenhorst graduated from Holy Cross College there before he was ordained into the priesthood. He arrived in Fort Worth in 1930 and became assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church.

Langenhorst, who lost a leg in 1946 because of an infection, was assigned to St. Rita Catholic Church in 1936 and to St. Alice Catholic Church in 1942 before his designation as a monsignor and transfer to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Cleburne, Johnson County, in 1953. He assisted the staff at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Fort Worth after his retirement in 1965.

Langenhorst helped form a local unit of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, an international Catholic organization that helps the poor.

The priest, who cautioned against the dangers of censorship, served on the Fort Worth library board in the 1940s.

Langenhorst's body will lie in state from 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. A wake will be conducted at the same church at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday.