

## Obituary of Reverend Raymond J. Nyquist

Reverend Raymond J. Nyquist, 90, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 27, 2017, at a Great Falls hospital.

Visitation will be 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, March 6, 2017 at O'Connor Memorial Chapel; followed by a vigil service at 7:00 pm. Funeral Liturgy will be at 11:00 am on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the mass. Interment will follow at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Arrangements are in the care of O'Connor Funeral Home.

Fr. Ray, born on September 6, 1926 in Great Falls, was the oldest of three children born to Hedwig (Hattie) Marie (Raunig) and Raymond Gordon Nyquist. He and his siblings grew up on the family farm. Ray graduated from Simms High School and then joined the Navy. After serving for two years, from 1944-46, he entered St. Edward Seminary in Kenmore, Washington. He was ordained a priest of the Catholic Church at St. Ann's Cathedral in Great Falls, Montana on May 15, 1954. Then began his 62+ years of priestly ministry.

Fr. Ray's faith life was centered on his love of Jesus in the Eucharist and his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He greatly expanded Eucharistic Adoration in Great Falls. He founded Great Falls Catholics for Life and was the chaplain for 40 Days for Life locally. He was an avid supporter of the Marian Movement of Priests, the Legion of Mary and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. He invited the Neocatechumenal Way into the Great Falls-Billings Diocese.