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## Reverend Henry Kuykendall dies June 16

Special to The Message

Rev. Henry L. Kuykendall, 85, senior priest of the Diocese of Evansville, died June 16 in Evansville. He was born Nov. 4, 1939, in Pride, Kentucky, to Harry E. and Mary Katherine (Mattingly) Kuykendall.

Father Henry attended St. Mary's College in St. Mary, Kentucky; Fordham University in New York; and Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wisconsin.

He was ordained a priest June 6, 1986, at St. Mary Parish in Evansville, by Bishop Francis R. Shea.

Father Henry served the Diocese of

Evansville in a variety of ways, including: Associate Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Evansville; Associate Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Newburgh; Pastor of Nativity Parish, Evansville; and Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, Evansville. During his time at Nativity Parish, Father Henry began Hispanic Ministry at the parish, including a weekly Mass in Spanish.

He also served as Coordinator, Catholic Ministry of the Deaf, in the Diocese of Evansville for many years. He retired from active ministry Dec. 31, 2014.

Father Henry was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include two

sisters: Nancy (James) Oskins and Judy Kuykendall; two brothers: Jerry (Linda) Kuykendall and Michael (Alisa) Kuykendall; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel celebrated a Mass of Christian Burial June 21 at St. John the Baptist in Newburgh. Several priests of the Diocese of Evansville concelebrated the Mass. Following the Mass of Christian Burial, entombment was at the St. Joseph Cemetery Masoleum in Evansville. Ziemer Funeral Home of Evansville handled the arrangements.



FATHER HENRY L.  
KUYKENDALL

## Peyton Catt tabbed to lead Washington athletics

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Washington Catholic Schools is proud to announce the appointment of Peyton Catt as the school's athletic director. Catt will also serve as the varsity head boys basketball coach.

A passionate educator and leader, Catt brings a strong background in athletics, student development and Catholic education.

"I'm incredibly honored to join Washington Catholic and excited to lead the athletic program and boys basketball team," Catt said in the press release sent

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Bishop Joseph M. Siegel uses incense over the casket of Rev. Henry L. Kuykendall during the Mass of Christian Burial June 21 at St. John the Baptist Church in Newburgh. A senior priest of the Diocese of Evansville, Rev. Kuykendall died June 16.

## Father Henry was 'a pioneer priest'

By JOHN ROHLF  
The Message assistant editor

Rev. Henry Kuykendall was a pioneer priest in the Diocese of Evansville, Father John Boeglin said at the June 21 Mass of Christian Burial for Father Henry.

Bishop Joseph M. Siegel celebrated Father Kuykendall's Mass of Christian Burial June 21 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Newburgh. Over 30 diocesan priests concelebrated the Mass, including several senior priests of the diocese.

Father Kuykendall, 85, died June 16 in Evansville. Father Henry was ordained a priest June 6, 1986, at St. Mary Parish in Evansville. He served the diocese in many ways before retiring from active ministry Dec. 31, 2014.

During his homily, Father Boeglin, senior priest of the diocese, noted Father Henry was on dialysis for 7.5 years. Father Boeglin thinks the community at St. John the Baptist in Newburgh helped give Father Henry purpose

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Father John Boeglin, senior priest of the diocese, delivers the homily during the Mass of Christian Burial June 21 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Newburgh.