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Rev. Martin B. Hitchcock, 88, Formerly Of Greenwich, Pastor St. Mary Parish

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.- Rev. Martin Bryan Hitchcock of Hilton Head Island, formerly of Greenwich, Conn., died March 12. He was 88.

Fr. Bryan's ordination to the priesthood took place at Saint Joseph Cathedral, Hartford, Conn., May 3, 1951. He studied philosophy and theology at Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., and later did graduate studies at Manhattanville College, N.Y., the Sorbonne, France, and St. Pierre de Solesmes, Solesmes, France.

His first assignment as an assistant pastor was at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Washington, Conn. He also served in the same capacity at the following parishes: Saint James, Stratford; Saint Peter, Danbury; Saint Mary, Bethel and Saint Joseph, Shelton.

Fr. Bryan was appointed assistant superintendent of Catholic Schools in 1964 while in residence at Saint Lawrence, Huntington and superintendent in 1967, while in residence at Notre Dame, Easton. He ministered among students on the campus of the Teachers College in Danbury, now Western Connecticut State University. At the time of his retirement in 1991, Father Hitchcock was pastor of Saint Mary Parish in Greenwich, Conn., where he had served since 1971.

Fr. Bryan is survived by his nephews, Cornish F. Hitchcock, of Washington DC, Timothy A. Hitchcock of East Canaan, Conn., and Martin F. Hitchcock of Canaan, Conn.; and niece Elizabeth Hitchcock of Lake Bluff, Ill.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday April 1 at Saint Mary Church, 178 Greenwich Ave., Greenwich, Conn., with interment at Saint Joseph Cemetery in Canaan, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Martin B. Hitchcock Memorial Fund of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, nationalmssociety.org.

Leo Gallagher Funeral Home (<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/dignity-memorial/obituary.aspx?n=Martin-Hitchcock&lc=4879&pid=170366183&mid=5906439>) in Greenwich is assisting the family with arrangements.

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