

# 2000 Overflow Church At Msgr. Barry Funeral

With an overflow crowd of 2000 spilling from St. Clement's Church, Rt. Rev. Robert P. Barry, 76, pastor of the Somerville-Medford parish for 26 years, was laid to rest Wednesday.

More than 100 monsignori and priests and 80 teaching nuns from churches throughout the archdiocese were in attendance at the solemn high Mass of requiem.

Bishop Eric MacKenzie presided and delivered the eulogy in which he described Msgr. Barry as a man "who never sought help, but just gave it. He was a man always doing things, a man of strength."

**Celebrant of the Mass was Rev. Gerard Barry, chaplain at Deer Island House of Correction, a nephew of the late priest.**

Assisting as deacon was Rt. Rev. James Doyle of St. Peter's Church, Dorchester. Rt. Rev. Jeremiah O'Neil of Holy Family Church, Rockland, was subdeacon.

Rt. Rev. Joseph Maguire, secretary to Richard Cardinal Cushing, was the master of

ceremonies and Rev. Matthew J. Coughlin of St. Eulalie's Church, Winchester, acted as his assistant.

Seminarians from St. John's served as acolytes and choristers.

Medford police, led by Chief Charles Donovan, provided an honor guard while 20 of their fellows, commanded by Capt Robert Glynn, channeled traffic outside.

**Also in attendance was Bishop Thomas Riley of St. Peter's Church in Cambridge.**

Scores of state and municipal leaders were at the Mass. Among them were Somerville Mayor Lawrence Bretta and Medford Mayor John J. McGlynn.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society served as ushers and the St. Pius X 4th Degree Knights of Columbus were honorary bearers.

Other groups represented included Mt. Benedict Council, Knights of Columbus; Holy Name Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Women Sodality, and St. Thomas More Club.