



Father Edward P. McGrath, S.M.

The Very Rev. Edward P. McGrath of the Society of Mary was born in Troy, New York, on October 7, 1887. He began his elementary education in Boston, but at the age of ten, he and his family moved to Tate, Georgia, where he completed his primary education. He joined the Marists and made his solemn profession on November 21, 1910. His seminary work was in D.C., and he was ordained a priest on June 20, 1912. He served as a parish priest primarily at two churches with various assignments over the years: Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atlanta, and the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church in Algiers, Louisiana. He served domestically as an army chaplain during World War I, and later served as the Provincial of the Washington Province of the Society of Mary from 1947 to 1953. It was said that "since his ordination to the priesthood in 1912, Father McGrath was identified with Catholicity in Georgia" where he gave tireless attention to the spiritual and material needs of the Church. He died, after a heart attack, on January 7, 1959. He was buried in Louisiana, but a Solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of his soul at Sacred Heart Church in Atlanta, on the very altar where Fr. McGrath had offered his first Mass as a young priest.

A Priest from Tate, Georgia