NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Roman Catholic hierarchy made the final burial arrangements today for Most Rev. Robert E. Tracy, founding bishop of the Diocese of Baton Rouge for 14 of his nearly 48 years in the Roman Catholic priesthood.

Tracy, 70, died about 8:30 p.m. Friday at Hotel Dieu Hospital of what a church spokesman described as congestive heart failure. He had been in poor health since last October and was admitted to Hotel Dieu with respiratory problems on Wednesday.

The diocesan spokesman in Baton Rouge said Tracy's condition had progressively worsened since doctors used tubes Thursday night to draw accumulations of fluid from around his heart.

Since his retirement in 1974, Tracy had been living at Lacombe until he was admitted to St. Tammany Hospital in October for three months. After his release from the Covington hospital, he had been living at the Notre Dame Seminary campus.

A diocesan spokesman said Tracy's body would lie in state in St. Joseph's Cathedral in Baton Rouge from 7 p.m. Easter Sunday until a funeral Mass at 3 p.m. Monday.

His only known immediate survivor is a sister who is a nun, Sister Mary Roberta, R.S.M. The spokesman said his sister was at Tracy's bedside when he died.

Also at the prelate's bedside were Bishop John Sullivan, who succeeded Tracy after his retirement in 1974, and Archbishop Joseph Hannan of New Orleans.

A graduate of parochial schools in New Orleans, he attended Notre Dame Seminary (Continued On Page 3, Col. 6) and was ordained June 12, 1932, at St. Louis Cathedral.

After various assignments of increasing importance, Pope John XXII elevated Tracy to auxiliary bishop of the Lafayette Diocese in 1959.

He was consecrated by a papal delegate as the first native New Orleanian and the fourth Louisianan ever elevated to the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

After serving as pastor at St. Mary Magdelene at Abbeville and Our Lady of Fatima in Lafayette, Tracy was named bishop of his own see in 1961 when the Baton Rouge diocese was carved from the Diocese of New Orleans.

While later attending the second session of church's Vatican Council in Rome, Tracy addressed other bishops on the subject of racial equality in the United States. He later wrote a book detailing the first eyewitness account of the ecumenical council by a participating bishop.