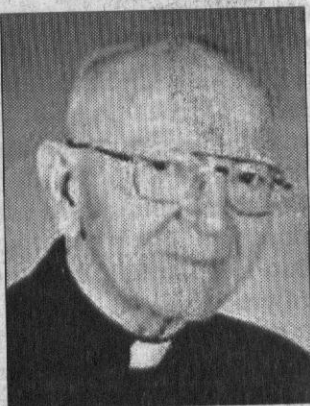


Fr. Paul Buehler, C.P.P.S.

Fr. Paul Buehler, C.P.P.S., 86, died at 3 p.m. on August 2, 2005, in the infirmary of St. Charles Center, Carthagen, Ohio. He had been in failing health for some time.



Fr. Buehler was born on February 3, 1919, in Burkettsville, Ohio, to John and Cecelia (Fleck) Buehler. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1937, and was ordained a priest on December 10, 1944.

After two years in parish ministry in the United States, Fr. Buehler was one of the first Missionaries of the Precious Blood to serve in Chile when the Congregation established its mission there in 1947. Fr. Buehler served at various parishes there until 1953, when he returned briefly to the United States. He served at parishes in Dayton (Our Lady of Mercy and Holy Angels) and Troy, Ohio. In 1954, he returned to Chile where he served until 1962, when he helped establish the Congregation's mission in Peru. Fr. Buehler returned once again to the United States in 1964, serving at Precious Blood Church in Dayton. In 1974 he went back to Peru, where he worked in parish ministry until ill health forced him to return to the U.S. in 2002. Since that time, he made his home at St. Charles.

Although his heart remained in Peru, Fr. Buehler with his great faith was able to accept his retirement in the U.S., letting go of the place he had come to think of as home.

Once at St. Charles he continued in ministry and was one of the first and most faithful in responding to the call of his fellow members in their times of ill-

ness and distress.

He was the last surviving member of his birth family. His survivors include two sisters-in-law, Dolores Buehler of Burkettsville and Mary Catherine Buehler of Dayton; numerous nieces and nephews, including Fr. Thomas Brenberger, C.P.P.S., and Sr. Jeanette Buehler, C.P.P.S.; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Deceased are his brothers, Elmer, Victor, Raymond, Cyril and Richard; and his sisters, Loretta, Marcella and Electa Marie.

A Mass of Christian burial was said at St. Charles at 2 p.m. Friday, August 5, the Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., presiding; Rev. Thomas Brenberger, C.P.P.S., nephew of Fr. Buehler, preached. Burial followed in the Community cemetery at St. Charles.

Hogenkamp and Sons Funeral Home, St. Henry, was in charge of the arrangements.