

Fr. Raymond Cera C.P.P.S

Fr. Raymond Cera C.P.P.S., 83, died Friday Aug. 13, 2004 in the infirmary of St. Charles Center in Carthagen, Ohio. He had been in failing health for several months.

Fr. Cera was born Sept. 17, 1920 in Lorain, Ohio, the son of the late Louis and Anna Cera.

Survivors include two sisters, Clarice Broglio and Laura Atkins, both of Lorain, Ohio; and a brother John of Rockville, Md. He had four nieces and one nephew, two great-nieces and a great-nephew.

Three brothers preceded him in death.

Fr. Cera entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1940 and was ordained on Feb. 2, 1946. Fr. Cera spent many years as professor of modern languages at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. While at the college he was also engaged in parish ministry and served for a time as Director of Seminarians. For three years he served the Precious Blood Community as Secretary General in Rome.

He translated from Italian into English the thousands of letters and papers written by St. Gaspar de Bufalo, the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, and other documentation of the saint's life. One of his last projects was a collection of his talks about the life of St. Gaspar.

Fr. Angelo Anthony C.P.P.S. officiated at the Mass of Christian

Burial held at St. Charles Center, Aug. 16. Burial followed in the Community Cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home, St. Henry, handled the arrangements.