

Alphonse J. Jungwirth

Alphonse J. Jungwirth, C.P.P.S., a member of the Kansas City Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, died on July 28, 2010 at St. Charles Center in Carthagen.

He was born on Aug. 7, 1918 in Milwaukee, Wis. to Karl Jungwirth and Theresa Stoiber.

He entered Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, in October, 1931; was definitively incorporated on Dec. 3, 1938; and was ordained on May 9, 1943 at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagen.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and a sister, Ann (Henry) Homa.

He is survived by one sister, Sister M. Frances Therese, S.S.N.D., of Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wis.; and all the priests, brothers and companions of the Precious Blood Community.

After his ordination, Fr. Jungwirth began his pastoral ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Milwaukee, Wisc. In 1947 he went to St. John's Parish in Whiting, Ind. to study Spanish in preparation for the missions in Chile, South America, where he then ministered in a variety of capacities until 1953. After he returned to the United States, he served as an associate pastor in Garden City, Kansas and in Lebanon, Penn. He became pastor for the first time in Rockford. Following this first pastorate, he served in many parishes as pastor: Hillview, S.D.; Beulah, N.D.; Holly, Colo.; Wakeeney, Kans.; and Mystic, Iowa. In 1996 he retired to St. Charles Center, Carthagen, where he resided until his death.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010 at Assumption chapel at St. Charles Center in Carthagen. Burial followed in the Community Cemetery.

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in St. Henry is handling the arrangements.