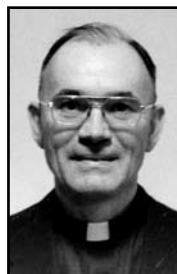


**May 9, 1999**

**Father Leo Brand, CPPS**



Father Leo Brand was born Aug. 14, 1934, in Indianapolis, Ind. He was incorporated as a member of the Society of the Precious Blood in 1955, and was ordained June 8, 1963, at St. Charles Seminary in Carthagena, Ohio.

Following a year of special training at St. Anthony, Detroit, Mich., he was assigned parochial vicar at St. Mary, Nebraska City, Neb., (1964-71). He also served as parochial vicar at St. Anthony, Linton, N.Dak., (1971-73).

Father Brand was appointed to his first pastorate in 1973 at St. Raphael, Syracuse, with care of the mission at St. Bernadette, Johnson. He served in this post for 10 years.

His remaining pastoral assignments were Holy Ghost, Vinita, Okla., with care of the mission St. Ann, Welch (1983-92); and St. Joseph, Pilot Knob, Mo., (1992-97).

In 1997 he was diagnosed as having cancer in the lower jaw. Following radical surgery he took up residence at Our Lady of Mercy Country Home, in Liberty, Mo., where he continued his recuperation. He moved to the Precious Blood Center in Liberty the following year.

Father Brand's cancer spread to other parts of his body, and he died May 9, 1999, at the age of 64. The funeral Mass was celebrated at St. James Church in Liberty. The body was taken to Carthagena where the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Charles Center. Burial was in the community cemetery.

Those in the Society remember Father Brand as a Ham Radio enthusiast who spoke to literally thousands of people around the world. He used radio and other electronic means, like e-mail, communicating to many, the way, the truth and life of Jesus. (homily Father William Walter)