

February 16, 2006

Father James M. Loung Dai Vu, CMC



Father James was born July 13, 1936 at Hai Giap, Bui Chu, North Vietnam. He joined the Congregation of the Mother Coredemptrix on June 7, 1956. He made his first profession March 25, 1956 and his final profession March 25, 1960.

He was ordained on Feb. 2, 1973 in the Diocese of Qui Nhon, Vietnam, by Bishop Dominic Haong van Doan. He did missionary work in Loung Son, Vietnam, from 1973 to 1975.

The Coredemptrix community left Vietnam and began the Assumption Province in Carthage, Mo., in June of 1975.

After the community completed a two-year period of transition, Father James was assigned to serve as chaplain of the Vietnamese Catholic Communities in Detroit, Mich., (1977-79); Wichita Falls, Tex., (1979-82); Dodge City (1982-85); Amarillo, Tex., (1985-90); and San Bernardino, Calif., (1990-93).

While stationed in the Diocese of Dodge City, Father James helped to form the Vietnamese Catholic Communities in Great Bend, Dodge City, Liberal and Garden City. He resided at St. Dominic Parish in Garden City.

He returned to Carthage and served the retired priests at the Mater Dei Retirement House from 1994 to 2005, and also served the Vietnamese Catholic communities in the surrounding areas from 1997-2005.

He was diagnosed with cancer in the summer of 2005. He died peacefully on Feb. 16, 2006 at the age of 69. Father Francis Tung Do, provincial, celebrated the funeral at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine in Carthage, Mo. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery in Springfield, Mo.