

**October 3, 1985**

**Father Ernest Lucas, CPPS**



Father Lucas was born Jan. 30, 1918, in Detroit, Mich. He made his profession in the Society of the Precious Blood on Dec. 3, 1938, and was ordained Dec. 5, 1943, by the Most Rev. John McNicholas, O.P., archbishop of Cincinnati, at St. Charles Seminary, Carthagena, Ohio.

He served as associate pastor at St. John the Evangelist, Detroit, for two years (1943-45). He was then assigned to the apostolate of Christian education (1945-61), studying at Catholic University of America, Dayton University and Notre Dame University, and teaching at Brunnerdale High School Seminary, Canton, Ohio, and St. Joseph College, Rensselaer, Ind.

His pastoral assignments included Holy Trinity, Hosmer, S.Dak. (1963-64); St. Adalbert, Dayton, Ohio (1964-67); St. Joseph, Dayton, Ohio (1975-76); and Mary Help of Christians, Fort Recovery, Ohio (1976-80).

His priestly ministry also extended to service as a convent chaplain (1967-72) at Precious Blood Monastery, Frank, Ohio, and St. Paul Convent, Norwalk, Ohio.

Having recurrent ill health, Father Lucas served with special sympathy in the apostolate to the sick and dying. His hospital chaplaincies included: Bob Wilson Memorial Hospital, Ulysses (1961-63); St. Joseph Hospital, Logansport, Ind. (1970-72), and St. Francis Rehabilitation Hospital at Green Springs, Ohio (1980-82).

He retired in 1982 to St. Charles Seminary.

Father Lucas died Oct. 3, 1985, at the age of 68. Father John Kalicky, provincial, celebrated the funeral at St. Charles Seminary. Burial was in the community cemetery at Carthagena.