

January 4, 1996

Father Jerome Wolf, CPPS



Father Wolf was born March 22, 1908, in Fort Recovery, Ohio. He began his seminary studies in 1922, and made his religious profession with the Society of the Most Precious Blood on Dec. 3, 1926. He was ordained May 10, 1934, by Bishop Joseph Albers of Lansing, at St. Charles Seminary in Carthegena, Ohio.

In his early assignments, he served as parochial vicar at Sacred Heart, Sedalia, Mo.; St. Mary, Nebraska City, Neb.; and St. Anthony, Dayton, Ohio.

His appointments as pastor placed him at St. Peter Claver, Huntington, W.Va.; St. Richard Chichester, Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Augustine, Bristol, Va., and St. Raphael, Syracuse, (1952-63) where he supervised the building of a new church.

Upon returning to Ohio, he served in pastoral roles at St. Francis, Cranberry Prairie (1963-73), and St. Mary, Philothea (1973-80).

Upon retiring to St. Charles Seminary in 1980, Father Wolf taught himself a new trade and spent many hours in the old library bookbindery.

Despite his diminutive stature, Father Wolf was an excellent athlete. In his younger days he showed special skill in baseball and basketball; and as he grew older, golf and bowling. In later clerical encounters on the golf links and bowling alleys, he posted quite competitive scores.

Father Wolf died in his sleep at the infirmary at St. Charles Seminary in Carthegena on Jan. 4, 1996, at the age of 87. Father Kenneth Pleiman, provincial, was the main celebrant at his funeral. Burial was in the community cemetery.