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Rev. Eugene Zimmerman, S.J., 88

Sept. 16, 1918 - April 19, 2007

WAUWATOSA, WI - Eugene E. Zimmerman was born Sept. 16, 1918, on a farm near Westphalia, to Frank and Therese (Celle)(Schiltz) Zimmerman. He was baptized and confirmed in St. Boniface Catholic Church in Westphalia and graduated from St. Boniface High School after which Gene entered the Society of Jesuits at Florissant, MO. He received his B.A. degree from Saint Louis University in 1942 and then taught English at Regis High School in Denver. After ordination in 1951, he began a career in a number of different works, initially as minister of Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, WI until 1969. He then served for 10 years as pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Mankato, MN. He served as superior of Holy Rosary Mission in South Dakota in the early 1980's. In 1985, he began work in the province office as supervisor of pastoral and Native American ministries. His later career embraced retreat ministry at Oshkosh, WI and worked at St. Stephen's Mission in Wyoming. He joined the St. Camillus Community in 2003 where he died among his Jesuit friends April 19, 2007, at age 88.



Father Gene was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Irene and Thelma; and brothers, Francis, Lee and Vince. He is survived by his brothers, Mike of Holy Rosary Mission, Pine Ridge, SD; Jerry and Joe of Minden; Don of Sigourney; sisters, Marie Carlson of Omaha, NE; Therese Gubbels of Council Bluffs; Marge Konz of Minden; and Celie Cairney of Indianola.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 25, 2007, at St. Camillus Chapel and burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Milwaukee, WI.