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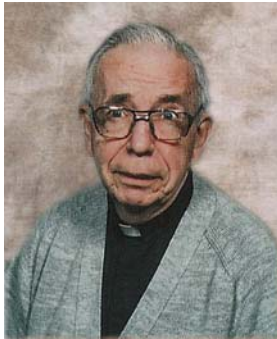
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News

OBITUARY

Priest of 61 Years Dies



The Reverend Father Kenneth Francis Wise died on Monday, August 25, 2008 at St. Joseph Nursing Home, Euclid, Ohio.

The son of Frank and Catherine (Carroll) Wise, he was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 17, 1922. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Gloria. He is survived by his sister Ruth O'Malley of Euclid, Ohio.

He attended elementary school at Holy Name School, Cleveland, Ohio and high school at Holy Name High School, from which he graduated in 1940. Father Wise studied at John Carroll University, Cleveland, from 1940-42 and then St. Mary Seminary, Cleveland, from which he received a B.A. in Philosophy in 1944. He subsequently studied theology at St. Mary Major Seminary, Cleveland from 1944-46 and then Mount St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio, from which he graduated in 1947. Father Wise was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Columbus on May 31, 1947 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael J. Ready.

Father Wise served in numerous assignments during his priesthood, including: Assistant Pastorates at St. Mary Magdalene, Holy Family, St. Augustine, all in Columbus; Administrator at St. Luke, Danville; Pastor at St. Mary, Waverly, St. Joseph, Sugar Grove and Parishes of St. Aloysius, Strasburg, and St. Stephen, Bolivar, until his retirement in 1992. In addition, he served as chaplain of the Boys' Industrial School, Lancaster, and Ohio State Juvenile Diagnostic Center and Detention Home with residence at Maryhurst. Father Wise also served as the ordinary confessor for several convents of religious sisters throughout the diocese and as the diocesan director of the Cursillo (1967-70).

Calling hours will be Wednesday 3:00-8:00 p.m. at the McMAHON-COYNE AND VITANTONIO FUNERAL HOME, 38001 EUCLID AVENUE, WILLOUGHBY, OHIO. The Funeral Mass will be Thursday, 11:00 a.m. at HOLY CROSS, CHURCH, 19951 LAKESHORE DRIVE, EUCLID. Internment at Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio will follow the funeral Mass.