



Rev Raymond A Etzel

March 14, 1924 - December 10, 2009

Reverend Raymond A. Etzel, a senior priest of the Diocese of Toledo, died Thursday evening, December 10, 2009 at the Ursuline Center. Fr. Etzel was born in Toledo Ohio to Raymond A. and Elizabeth (Hanley) Etzel on March 14, 1924. He attended Rosary Cathedral grade school and graduated from Central Catholic High School. Fr. Etzel started his college studies at St. Charles University, Catonsville Maryland and continued at Catholic University in Washington D.C. where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree and was a Basselin scholar. Fr. Etzel attended St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati Ohio and graduated in 1950.

Fr. Etzel was ordained a Priest on May 18, 1950 in Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral by the Most Reverend Karl J. Alter, D.D.; his first assignment was at St. Rose Lima Parish in Perrysburg Ohio. He served in residence at St Francis de Sales Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Joseph Church, Maumee while serving as Assistant Superintendent of schools. In 1953 Fr. Etzel returned to Catholic University and studied for his Masters Degree in Education with Bishop Fulton J. Sheen as one of his instructors. In 1954 Fr. Etzel returned to the Diocese and served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Sandusky while he was Principal of St. Mary's High School. In 1961 he was appointed the position of Assistant Principal of his Alma Mater, Central Catholic High School. From 1965 to 1969 he served as the assistant Superintendent of Schools and from 1969 until 1976

Diocesan Superintendant of Schools. His Pastoral assignments included St. John the Baptist from 1976 to 1985 and St. Caspar Parish in Wauseon Ohio from 1985 until he retired in 1992.

Fr. Etzel was preceded in death by his parents; brother William Etzel and his nephews Rodger Ach and Joseph Etzel. He is survived by his sister Joann E. Ach; brother David B. Etzel; sister-in-law Julie Etzel and 11 nieces and nephews.

The body will be received on Sunday Dec. 13th at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral for Vesper Services at 4:00 p.m.; the visitation will follow until 8:00 p.m. Sunday evening and again on Monday Dec 14th at 9:00 am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 11:00 am. The Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated by The Most Rev. Leonard P. Blair. Committal services will be celebrated by the Very Rev. Dennis P. Hartigan V.F. at Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials may take the form of a contribution to the Priest Retirement Fund of the Diocese Toledo.

The Coyle Funeral Home is assisting the family and the Toledo Diocese with funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear family of Fr. Ray
Sorry to hear of Ray's death. However, I am sure that he is much happier. I am sure that Jack will be glad to see him. I am not getting around very good so I don't know if I can make the funeral. Know I am thinking of you and send my prayers. Nancy###imported-begin###Nancy Schlageter###imported-end##

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“ What a glorious time to go home to Jesus --may you find comfort in that thought.###imported-begin###Mary Mahnen###imported-end##

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“ Sorry to hear that your brother passed away.###imported-begin###Ed Pifher Ohio Foam###imported-end##

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“ To the family,

Know that he is now watching over you from a special place. Rev. Etzel, may you rest in peace you were a great influence in my life, I was one of your "challenges" at Central and later in life I understood what you were telling me.###imported-begin###Janet###imported-end##

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“ For Fr. Etzel's family,

As a former student at St. Mary;s High School in Sandusky, Oh. I want to express my sympathies. May he now enjoy eternal peach with our Lord.

Charlie Kromer, class of 1959##imported-begin##Charlie Kromer ch arkro@aol.com##imported-end##

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“ Our condolences to the family and friends of Rev. Etzel. I attended and graduated from St. Marys High School (1954-1958). Father Etzel married my wife (former Sondra L. Meyers) and I on 2/4/61. He was a stern but great leader and person.##imported-begin##robert w. scheel##imported-end##

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“ Dave,
*So sorry to hear of your brother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
God Bless.
Diane##imported-begin##Diane Swartzmiller(Ohio Foam) ohiofoam @ncool.net##imported-end##*

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“ *Fr. Etzel married us in 1987 at St.Caspar Church. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Miller##imported-end##*

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