

Fr. Thomas W. Gedeon, S.J.

Jesuit Fr. Thomas Gedeon died of pneumonia at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc on July 22. He was 80, and had been a priest of the Society of Jesus for 49 years.

Fr. Gedeon was born in Cleveland on June 28, 1925 to Emil T. and Pauline M. (Annesser) Gedeon. He entered the Novitiate in Milford, Ohio, in 1943 and was ordained a priest on June 13, 1956. He had attended West Baden College-West, Baden Springs, Ind., 1947-50 for philosophy and 1953-57 for theology; and Loyola University, Chicago, in 1948. He also was a graduate of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland.

Fr. Gedeon taught at Xavier High School in Cincinnati 1950-1953. He then became the director of Detroit seminary building fundraising 1958-61. From 1961 until 1974 he was at St. Stanislaus Retreat House in Parma, Ohio, serving as director and superior. From 1977 until 1998 he served as the executive director for retreats international in Notre Dame, Ind. Since 1999 he has been the retreat consultant for the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma.

Fr. Gedeon is survived by his brother, Bro. Xavier Gedeon, OFM, of Metamora, Ill; and two sisters, Ms. Carolyn Gedeon of Rocky Hill, Conn., and Mrs. Margaret DeJohn of Columbia, Conn.

Fr. Gedeon's funeral Mass was July 26, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston. His internment was at Colombiere Center Cemetery.

Memorials to Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44134.