

Fr. Benno G. Kornely, SJ

Fr. Benno G. Kornely, SJ, died Nov. 17 at Colombiere Center in Clarkson. He was 77 and in his 60th year in the Society of Jesus.

He was born Dec. 11, 1928, in Milwaukee. He graduated from St. Francis of Assisi Elementary school in Milwaukee in 1942 and from Marquette High School in Milwaukee in 1946. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1952, a master's degree in philosophy in 1953 and a master's degree in theology in 1961 from St. Louis University in Missouri. He studied theology at St. Mary's College in Kansas and earned a master's degree in guidance in 1966 from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. He also studied at the Institute of Religious Formation in St. Louis; Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.; and the Vatican II Institute in Menlo Park, Calif.

Fr. Kornely entered the Society of Jesus on Aug. 18, 1946. He was ordained a priest on June 15, 1959.

Fr. Kornely taught math at Campion Jesuit High School in Prarie du Chien, Wisc., from 1953 to 1956. He served as associate director of the Jesuit Mission Service in Milwaukee from 1961 to 1962. He was guidance director, teacher, assistant principal and athletic director at St. Francis Indian Mission in St. Francis, S.D., from 1962 to 1971. He also was spiritual director of Jesuit Collegians from 1971 to 1973 and was the superior at Campion Jesuit High School from 1973 to 1975. He served as spiritual director for the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh, Wisc.; Marquette University High School in Milwaukee; the Jesuit Retreat House in Parma, Ohio; the Emmaus Center in Des Moines, Iowa; Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills; and the Milford Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. Fr. Kornely also was on the spirituality team at Colombiere College in Clarkston.

He is survived by his sisters, Sr. Mary Kornely, SSSF, Lois Kreska, Carol Ehlenbach, and Liz Miech.

Fr. Kornely's funeral Mass was Nov. 21 at Colombiere Center in Clarkston. Interment was in Colombiere Center Cemetery in Clarkston.

Memorial tributes to Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston, 48346.