

Fr. Thomas Hunt, SCJ

1927-2003

Born in Duquesne, Penn., Fr. Tom Hunt, SCJ, entered Divine Heart Seminary in Donaldson, Ind., in 1943 and professed his first vows with the SCJs in 1947. He did his philosophy and theology studies at Sacred Heart Monastery, and studied Spanish at Catholic University in Puerto Rico.

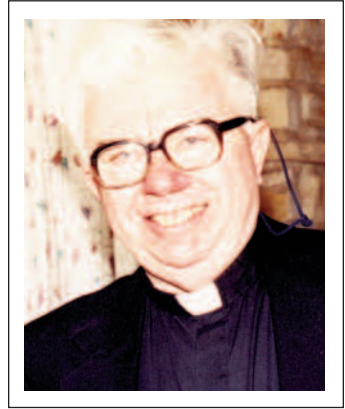
He was ordained in 1955 at St. John's Cathedral in Milwaukee.

Fr. Tom's first priestly assignment was as associate pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in East Chicago, Ind., a predominantly Spanish-speaking parish. Fr. Hunt was there until 1964, when he took an assignment in Clarksville, Texas. Following that, he was pastor in Holly Springs, Miss., from 1967 – 1970. He then served in the diocese of Gary before returning to Texas, where he was pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Brownsville.

But it seemed that Gary was always calling him back. In 1973, he became pastor of OLG in Gary, and in 1974, he was named as episcopal vicar for the Spanish-speaking of the diocese.

In 1979, he was back in Texas, first at St. Philip of Jesus parish in Houston, and later, in full-time ministry with the Cursillo movement. In 1987, he joined the Pinellas Park retirement community, and three years later, moved to the Milwaukee area, where he served for several years as resident chaplain at St. Francis Manor.

Fr. Tom Hunt died June 22, in Milwaukee. He was 76, and was a member of the Villa Maria retirement community with residence at St. Camillus Health Care Center.



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