

# Fr. Kevin McInnis, SCJ

## 1929-2007

A native of St. Louis, Fr. Kevin McInnis professed vows in 1949. He studied at Sacred Heart Monastery and was ordained to the priesthood in 1957 by Bishop Meyer of Milwaukee. His first assignment was in parish ministry in Walls, Miss.

Still relatively new to the priesthood, Fr. Kevin headed to South Africa in 1963 to begin an eight-year assignment. He learned Afrikaans and ministered in primarily rural parishes.

When he returned, Fr. Kevin worked briefly at St. Cecilia parish in San Antonio and then at Sacred Heart Seminary in Victorville, Calif. In 1975 he moved to Mississippi to work at St. Joseph's parish in Holly Springs, and five years later, he was back in his hometown of St. Louis ministering at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He also did pastoral care at St. Mary's Health Care Center in St. Louis, working with terminally ill patients and their families. Continuing in hospital ministry, he worked for two years at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

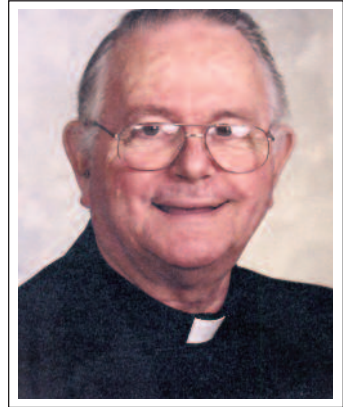
In 1987, Fr. Kevin went to South Dakota, where he ministered at St. Joseph's Indian School and later, on the Cheyenne River Reservation.

Following a working sabbatical in South Africa — ministering among and visiting many of the people he knew years ago as a missionary — Fr. Kevin joined the community at Sacred Heart Monastery in 1993. He worked as a hospital chaplain at St. Francis Hospital.

Fr. Kevin enjoyed many hobbies, including ceramics, candle making, stained glass work, swimming, music and reading.

In 1999, Fr. Kevin entered full-time retirement. He joined the Pinellas Park community but health needs necessitated that he move to nursing care in Milwaukee, where he was a member of the Villa Maria community.

Fr. Kevin died June 27, 2007, from complications due to pneumonia. He was 78.



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