

Father Lawrence E. Ward, retired Air Force chaplain

Father Lawrence E. Ward, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, died Friday, March 9, 1990. He was 66 years old.



In addition to his role as an Air Force chaplain, Father Ward had served as assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, Spencerport; St. Francis de Sales, Geneva; and Corpus Christi, Rochester.

"He was kind to everyone ... he really had a very good way of touching people's lives," said Father Elmer J. McDonald, pastor of St. Christopher's Church in North Chili, and a longtime friend and

classmate of Father Ward. "He really loved reaching out to people."

Born in Rochester on August 21, 1923, the son of Peter and Catherine Irene (O'Neill) Ward, Father Ward attended St. Monica's School before moving on to St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries.

He was ordained by Bishop James E. Kearney on June 11, 1949, in Sacred Heart Cathedral. Following ordination, he was appointed assistant pastor of St. John the Evangelist, Spencerport, where he served from 1949 to 1951. After a stint in the same capacity at St. Francis de Sales in Geneva from May until July, 1951, Father Ward became assistant pastor at Corpus Christi from 1951 to 1957.

He was commissioned a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force in June, 1957. After attending chaplains' school at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Father Ward traveled to such places as Thule, Greenland; Fairbanks, Alaska; Wethersfield, England; Saigon; and Madrid, Spain.

After duty in Maryland, Father Ward was transferred to Lackland Training Center, San Antonio, Texas, in 1967. He retired in 1979.

"He liked to travel," Father McDonald said, adding that no matter where Father Ward was stationed "we always got together with our classmates around Easter.

"He was loved by all of his classmates ... we will miss him," Father McDonald said.

Father Ward was pre-deceased by a brother, Father Leo D. Ward, who was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy.

He is survived by his brother, Vincent Ward; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Catherine Brayer, Ann Marie Rhodes, Frances Harper, and Joan and Edwin Tschetter; as well as nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass for Father Ward took place at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester, on Monday, March 12. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Schools

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registration of students in northeast schools.

When asked to clarify the 10 percent figure in his statement, Wagner noted that the tuition rate will increase by 4 percent for one student, 7.7 for two students and 10 percent for a family with three or more students in the quadrant.

Wagner's statement, which also criticized the idea of quadrant governing boards, concluded by saying that ACE will soon release its own plan as an alternative to the one approved by Bishop Clark. His group's plan will "continue local, parish-based control while also providing for the financial integrity of our Catholic schools."

One Catholic school principal disagreed

with Wagner's view of a quadrant-based system.

"Consolidation in my mind doesn't necessarily mean loss of control," said Catherine Kress, principal of Guardian Angels School, 2061 E. Henrietta Road. She pointed to the success of the consolidation of her school with Good Shepherd's School in what is now known as the Rush-Henrietta Catholic School System, which draws on students from four parishes.

When asked to detail ACE's alternative plan, Wagner said the bone of his group's contention is that the diocese has offered no substantial reason to reorganize the Catholic schools.

"We're assuming schools as a rule across the board need a financial shot in the arm," he said. "We've just had to go on the bishop's word that we do have a crisis."

He noted that his group will offer such

fundraising suggestions as the establishment of a separate spring appeal for Catholic education, modeled after the Thanks Giving Appeal in which diocesan Catholics pledge monies to support various diocesan ministries.

Boycott

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Ministry issued a statement declaring, "Because the press conference offered an opportunity for a representative of the United Farm Workers to present those issues affecting farm workers in California to the local community, Social Ministry believed it was more relevant for the press conference to be held at a union facility."

"They are on record of supporting the boycott," Father O'Shea said. "We want them to add some substance to that en-

dorsement.

"We want that support to be public and explicit," he added, claiming that thus far, "They haven't given us one cent."

A Division of Social Ministry statement noted that the social ministry board had endorsed boycott out of concern for the threat to human life that pesticides pose.

"As is customary procedure," the statement continued, "the designing of strategies and (the) implementation of them are the responsibility of the staff. The social ministry staff is presently working on appropriate strategies."

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