

Obituaries

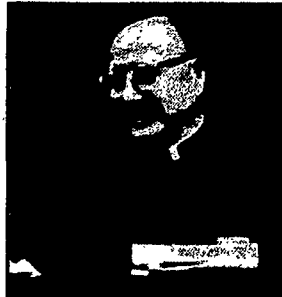
Fr. Robert Miller; taught philosophy

Father Robert Grace Miller, CSB, a Rochester native who served in the diocese a number of years, died Dec. 21, 1997, at Providence Centre near Toronto, following a long illness. He was 85.

Born to the late William and Margaret (Nelligan) Miller in Rochester, Father Miller graduated from Nazareth Hall and Aquinas Institute. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Toronto, and his Ph.D., under the direction of Etienne Gilson, from the Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto.

Father Miller entered the Basilian Fathers in 1938 and was ordained Aug. 15, 1943. He served in Rochester, Houston, Saskatoon, Toronto and Windsor, teaching and writing.

"He was always a person of great detail and precision," stated his brother, Father Thomas Miller, CSB, of Rochester, "no doubt the product of his intensive studies and attention to distinctions so necessary to avoid error and to be faithful to Catholic teachings and to the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas and to Thomas' men-



tor, St. Albert the Great."

"Even though his vision was poor here, he had the beatific vision," he added, explaining

Father Miller had suffered progressive eye problems.

Father Miller taught philosophy at the University of Toronto; University of Saskatchewan; University of St. Thomas in Houston, where he also was chair of the philosophy department; University of Toronto; and University of Windsor.

Father Miller moved back to Rochester in 1959 to help his parents during their declining years, his brother said. He chaired the philosophy department at St. John Fisher College, 1959-69, and taught at Fisher until 1977. He assisted at Sacred Heart Cathedral for two years before becoming adjunct professor of philosophy

at Nazareth College, 1978-88.

His writings included two books and numerous articles in various scholarly publications, *The New Catholic Encyclopedia* and the *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

He was associate editor of *The New Scholasticism* 1956-63; executive committee chairman, Canadian Philosophy Association 1953-55; executive council member, American Catholic Philosophy Association 1960-64; and editor, *Canadian Priests' Magazine* 1944-48.

"Bob used to tell me that 'Eaten bread is soon forgotten' and that few people are interested in one's accomplishments," his brother said in his funeral sermon. "This is so true. God and Father Bob know what dedication and hard work went into his many contributions to the world's Catholic philosophical knowledge."

The priest was predeceased by his brothers David, John and Father Richard Miller, SJ.

His funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 23 in Cardinal Flahiff Basilian Centre, Toronto. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill, Ontario.

New name, Auburn site for ministry

The Finger Lakes Social Ministry has been renamed Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes, effective Jan. 1.

"The name change will increase the agency's identity with its parent organization, Catholic Charities of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, Inc., and its national affiliate, Catholic Charities, USA," Giovina Caroscio, executive director of the five-county agency stated in a Dec. 29 release.

The Catholic Charities name, she stated, "conveys within the secular and religious sectors of society a mission of service, advocacy and collaboration."

The agency serves Cayuga, Ontario, Yates, Seneca and Wayne counties.

Meanwhile, the agency's Auburn office is in the process of relocating a couple doors away to 33 Williams St., Suite 3.

"It is much bigger, much brighter, much cleaner, you name it," said Harriet Barone, the Auburn office's secretary. It also will be more accessible, she said.

Barone has been coordinating donations sought from churches, including furniture, appliances and toys. Contributors have been asked to contact her at 315/252-0018. The Auburn office will keep the same phone after its move.

No moving date had been set, but the agency was hoping to contract with movers by the end of January.

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Fr. Xavier Butler, 78; missionary

Father Xavier Butler, a Franciscan Friar of the Atonement who taught in Montour Falls, died Dec. 16, 1997, in Garrison, N.Y. He was 78.

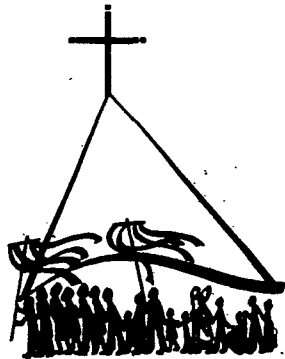
Born in Boston, he entered his order in 1934 and was ordained a priest in 1947. After obtaining a master's degree in philosophy from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., one of his earliest assignments as a priest was teach-

ing at St. John's Seminary in Montour Falls.

In addition to his stint at St. John's, Father Butler worked in various ministries linked with his order, including missions and vocation work, in North Carolina, Texas, Michigan, Massachusetts and British Columbia. He returned to Garrison in 1990 to serve as mission coordinator at Graymoor, the order's headquarters.

His funeral Mass was celebrated Dec. 18 in the Little Flower Chapel at Graymoor. Interment took place at the friars' cemetery.

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