The Rev. Theodore F. Gustin, 75, died Dec. 27, 2006, at St. Vincent's Care Center, Bismarck. Services will be held at noon Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007, at Church of St. Mary, Bismarck, with the Rev. Paul A. Zipfel officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday at Church of St. Mary, where a vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services at the church.

The Rev. Gustin was born Dec. 4, 1931, at Flasher, the son of Fred and Katherine (Eckroth) Gustin. He was raised in Flasher, where he attended grade school for seven years and high school for one year. He attended three years of high school and two years of college at Crosier Seminary, Onamia, Minn. He attended St. John's University, Collegeville, Minn., from 1949 to 1951 and St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., from 1951 to 1957. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Paul Seminary, in 1953.

The Rev. Gustin was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bismarck at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck, on June 2, 1957, by the Most Rev. Hilary B. Hacker.

The Rev. Gustin's first assignment in the Diocese of Bismarck was an assistant pastor at the Church of St. Joseph, Mandan, from 1957 to 1963. He then became a Tribunal student at the Boston Chancery from October 1963 to June 1964. The Rev.
Gustin was appointed pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wilton, and its mission, the Church of St. Ignatius, Wing, from 1964 to 1974. He was appointed vice officialis for Diocese of Bismarck Tribunal and served in that capacity from August 1964 to August 1978.

The Rev. Gustin was appointed assistant pastor at the Church of St. Mary, Bismarck, from 1974 to 1981, and in August 1978 was appointed officialis for the Diocese of Bismarck and served as officialis until July 1985. In September 1981, he was appointed pastor at the Church of St. Mary, Bismarck, until 1988. He then took a sabbatical at St. John's University for three months.

He was appointed interim director for the Propagation of Faith from December 1988 to July 1989. He served as parish administrator of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Crown Butte, from January to April 1989, and as assistant to the director for the Office of Vocations from December 1988 to July 1989. He also served as acting judicial vicar for the Tribunal from January to April 1989, and as vicar for the Permanent Diaconate from July 1989 to July 1999. In July 1989, the Rev. Gustin was appointed pastor of the Church of St. Henry, Regent, where he served until June 1990. He served as judicial vicar for the Tribunal from November 1990 to July 1992. He was appointed pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Wilton, and its missions, the Church of St. Ignatius, Wing, and the Church of St. Edwin, Washburn, in June 1990, where he served until January 2000.

The Rev. Gustin retired and moved to Emmaus Place, Bismarck, in January 2000. He lived at Emmaus Place until he moved to St. Vincent's Care Center.

He is survived by his sisters, Rose Uhlman, Nevada, Anne Stack, Wyoming, Blondina Pfau, Wyoming, and Pat Heard, Texas; his brother, Al Gustin, California; his sister-in-law, Polly Gustin, Bismarck; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sisters, Ida Mullins, Margaret Wingerter, Pauline Laney and Agnes Martin; and his brothers, Leo and Albert.

### Family Members

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Ferdinand L Gustin 1889–1939
Katherine Eckroth Gustin 1892–1984
Albert E Gustin 1913–1992
Leo F Gustin 1921–2003
Anne Kathryn Gustin Stack 1923–2013
Alphonse N Gustin 1925–2008 (m. marriage 1944)
Blondina H Gustin Pfau 1927–2013

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