Fr. Thomas Conway, CPPS 1930 - 2010

Fr. Thomas Conway, C.PPS of the Kansas City Province died at St. Charles Center, Carthagean, OH on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 15, 1930. He was the fifth of seven children of Harold and Marie Oberle Conway. He entered Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, OH on August 14, 1944 and made Definitive Incorporation on December 3, 1951. He was ordained on June 2, 1957 at St. Charles Seminary and spent most of his priestly life in parish ministry.

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From 1985 to 1989 Fr. Tom served as a member of the General Curia in Rome. During this time, he worked in the Generalate Archives and was responsible for much of the cataloguing and filing which remains to this day. In 1990 he returned to Precious Blood Center as Local Director, during which time he also had a variety of other responsibilities. In 1995 Fr. Tom returned to parish ministry as pastor of The Church of the Annunciation in Kearney, MO, where he served until his retirement to Precious Blood Center in 2002.

Fr. Tom was of Irish background and a great storyteller. He knew the history of the community well and could be called upon to share stories about many of the members. He was well versed with dates, locations and the personnel assignments of many members. He enjoyed conversations of all kinds—with members, companions, parishioners and friends.
The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Charles Center on October 8, 2010. Fr. Tom’s brother, Fr. Robert Conway, C.P.P.S. presided, and his nephew Msgr. Robert McClory preached the homily. Burial followed in the community cemetery at St. Charles.

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