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Rev Lawrence "Doc" Cornelissen

BIRTH	unknown Germany
DEATH	7 Jul 1965 Germany
BURIAL	Unknown
PLOT	Moenchengladbach, Germany
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Rev. Dr. Lawrence Cornelissen, 87, was a priest who traveled wherever he felt he could best perform his duties. He died in Moenchengladbach, Germany, less than 50 miles from the city he was born, but in his years, he studied and served in several European and American cities.

He went to high School in Holland, worked for three years in a lithographic institute and law office there before coming to the United States in 1898. He graduated from St. Francis Seraphic College, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1900 and studied philosophy in Louisville, Kentucky and theology in Oldenburg, Indiana. He taught in Cincinnati for a while and after his ordination became administrator of a parish in Madison, Indiana. After this, he traveled about Ohio for three years and was the pastor of three mission parishes.

Then Fr. Cornelissen moved on to Kansas City, MO where he was a pastor, chaplain of a hospital and insane asylum. He also was a teacher of Latin, Greek and Spanish in Kansas City High School. He also served in the Marriage Tribunal.

Off to Washington, D.C., where he earned his doctorate in philosophy at Catholic University. He also served as professor and rector of the College of the Holy Land.

In 1920, at the age of 43, he moved to Buffalo, New York and served as an assistant in several Buffalo parishes, and as administrator of St. Mary Parish in Batavia for six years. Then he began a 25 year stay as a member of the faculty of the Little Seminary, teaching Greek, Latin, German and Church History. Finally, before his retirement and return to his native Germany in 1958, he was assistant pastor at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in

Buffalo.

A very popular priest, he was always "Doc" to his fellow priests, and "Reverend Doctor" to his people.

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