

Benedictine ex-coach, teacher succumbs at 86

Rev. Jerome Rupprecht, O.S.B.

Rev. Jerome Rupprecht, O.S.B., 86, died Oct. 14, 1982, at Saint Vincent Archabbey in Unity Township.

Born in Potter County May 2, 1896, he was son of the late George and Rose Rupprecht.

He attended St. Mary Parochial School in St. Mary's, Pa., before attending Saint Vincent Prep and Saint Vincent College.

Professed a monk of the Benedictine Order July 2, 1916, he later attended Saint Vincent Seminary, where he attained his bachelor and master of arts degrees.

He was ordained to the priesthood Sept. 25, 1921.

In 1923 he earned his doctorate in sacred theology from International Benedictine College at St. Anselmo, Rome.

He had spent most of his teaching years in the high school program at Saint Vincent Prep.

Over the years he also played an active part in the Saint Vincent athletic program, especially baseball. He was varsity pitcher in his college days, team manager from 1913 to 1915 and coached the varsity baseball

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Besides these duties he served 38 years as pastor of St. Mary Parish in Bolivar and in New Florence.

Later he served as weekend assistant at Holy Family Parish in Seward and in Dilltown until his retirement.

He was curator of the Saint Vincent Museum and member of the Pennsylvania Archaeological Society and Pennsylvania Entomological Society.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Rev. Melvin, O.S.B.

He is survived by three brothers, Rev. Norbert, O.S.B., George and Henry, and two sisters, Caroline and Elene.

Viewing will be held from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 5 Sunday at Saint Vincent Archabbey.

Wake services will be held at 7:15 p.m. Sunday.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica.

Interment will follow in the community cemetery.