

THOMPSON,
REV. JAMES W., 88, of Louisville, passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at Hospice & Palliative Care of Louisville.

A native of Marion County, he was born on September 11, 1917, to Joseph and Elizabeth Settles Thompson.

He attended St. Peters Seminary and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Western Ontario. He received his postgraduate degree at Catholic University of America, attended St. Louis University and pursued studies towards a doctorate.

He was ordained June 3, 1944, in London, Ontario, Canada, and served with the Congregation of the Resurrection for 34 years. As a Resurrectionist, he served at St. Cecilia in Louisville and St. Joseph Church in Marion County. As a professor at St. Mary College Seminary, he held positions as rector, superior and treasurer.

In 1970 he was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Louisville. He served as associate pastor of Holy Spirit Church and was appointed pastor of St. Ignatius for 18 years.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Alvin, Bennett, Clyde and Alo; and two sisters, Kathryn Miles and Louise Link.

Rev. Thompson is survived by one brother, Edward Thompson, Raywick, KY; and many nieces and nephews; and by his fellow priests of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

His funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 1816 Rangeland Road, with burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Ratterman and Sons, 3800 Bardstown Road, and 5-8 p.m. Sunday and 9-11 a.m. Monday at St. Ignatius. A vigil service will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday at the church.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to St. Ignatius Church or Hospice & Palliative Care of Louisville.