Rev. John T. Cherry, 53, Former Aquinas Official

The Rev. John T. Cherry, 53, of Gary, Ind., former vice principal of Aquinas Institute here, died of a heart attack yesterday morning in his quarters at Gary.

Father Cherry had been first a principal of Andrean High teacher School in Gary since Septem- School. He w

He was born in Houston,

Tex., and was educated at St. Thomas High School in Houston, Assumption University at Ontario, Canada, and St. Basil Seminary in Toronto.

Father Cherry was ordained in Houston in 1947 and his first assignment was as a teacher at St. Thomas High School.

He went to Aquinas in 1956 to teach biology and was appointed dean of students a year later.

Father Cherry was named school treasurer in 1961 and vice principal in 1966.

He went to Gary in 1970.

Father Cherry is survived by two sisters, Sister Victoria and Sister Thomas, both of the Dominican Order in Houston.