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Rev Fr Herman Henry Zerfas

BIRTH 24 Aug 1921
New Salem, Allegan County, Michigan, USA

DEATH 6 Dec 2010 (aged 89)
Kent County, Michigan, USA

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ZERFAS, MONSIGNOR HERMAN H. Formerly of Dorr

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Monsignor Herman H. Zerfas was born August 24, 1921 in Dorr, Michigan, the son of John and Clara (Weber) Zerfas. Monsignor Zerfas attended Burnips and Allegan Public Schools; St. Mary's, New Salem and St. Patrick, Portland followed by Sacred Heart Seminary; St. Joseph Seminary and St. Mary's Seminary. He was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Grand Rapids on May 31, 1947, by Most Reverend Francis J. Haas, in the Cathedral of St. Andrew, Grand Rapids. Following his ordination Monsignor Zerfas served in numerous parishes in the dioceses as an assistant and as a pastor including St. Sebastian, Byron Center, St. Pius X, Grandville and St. Joseph, Wright. In addition he held various diocesan positions in education and he served a short time with the Michigan Catholic Conference as executive director. Monsignor retired in 1988.

Surviving are his sisters and brothers, Edmund P. (Opal) of Fort Pierce, FL Sr. Claudette (Dorothy Gertrude) Zerfas, CSJ of Nazareth, MI, Gerald (Betty) Zerfas of Kissimmee, Florida, Bernice (Donald) Sibal of Goshen, Indiana, Dolores (Bruce) Douglas of Winter Park, Florida and Ronald (Joan) Zerfas of Lansing, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father Clara & John Zerfas.

Visitation for Monsignor Zerfas will be on Thursday December 9, 2010 at St. Ann's Home Chapel, 2161 Leonard St NW, Grand Rapids from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM, with a Vigil Service Thursday at 7:30 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be con-celebrated on Friday December 10, 2010, 11:00 AM at St. Ann's Home Chapel, Bishop Walter Hurley, principal celebrant.

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June, 1947 Asst., St. Andrew, GR
June, 1948 Prof., St. Joseph's Sem., GR
July, 1949 Asst., St. Francis, Traverse City
June, 1953 Asst., Sacred Heart, Muskegon Heights
June, 1955 Asst., St. Francis de Sales, Norton Shores
June, 1961 Asst., St. Patrick, Grand Haven
February, 1966 Adm., St. Michael, Coopersville
July 5, 1966 Principal, CCHS, GR
[Res., 516 College S.E., GR]

July 23, 1975 Pastor, St. Sebastian, Byron Center
June, 1979 Pastor, St. Pius X, Grandville
April 16, 1980 Executive Director,
Michigan Catholic Conference, Lansing
[Res., 3888 44th Street, S.W., Grandville]
June, 1983 Res., St. Joseph's Sem., GR
June, 1984 Pastor, St. Joseph, Conklin (Wright)
June, 1988 retired, 3888 44th S.W., Grandville
-----, 2003 retired, St. Camillus Woods, Byron Center
-----, 2006 retired, St. Ann's Home, GR

August 28, 1921 Bapt., St. Mary, New Salem (Bolte)
September 26, 1953 Asst. Principal, CCHS, Muskegon
September 1, 1960-
July 5, 1966 Principal, CCHS, Muskegon
July 5, 1966-
June 27, 1979 Superintendent of Schools
May 15, 1967 Domestic Prelate
February, 1973 Diocesan Superintendent of Education
February-May, 1973 I.C.T.E., Rome
-----, 1982 Member, Educational Block Grant Advisory Committee in the State of Michigan

Inscription

Msgr. Herman H. Zerfas

Tu Es Sacerdos In Aeternum

Ordained May 31, 1947