Franz-Bernard Lickteig, ex-priest

Franz-Bernard "Bernie" Lickteig, 63, of Palos Heights, died Sunday at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn.

Mr. Lickteig was a former Catholic priest who was a member of the Carmelite community for more than 25 years. He was ordained in Rome in 1957 and served as a U.S. Air Force chaplain in the 1960s. He taught at Joliet Catholic High School in the late 1960s.

He also taught medieval history in a graduate program in the early 1970s at Catholic University Graduate School in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Lickteig had doctoral degrees in medieval history and philosophy.

He left the priesthood in the 1970s to marry and later was active in the Corpus National Association for Married Priesthood, a group of married priests united to serve in the Catholic Church. He was designated by the group to write its history.

In the early 1980s he taught wine appreciation classes at St. Xavier University. He wrote many articles on history and wine in addition to his published doctoral dissertations. He was part owner of Madron Lake Hills Winery in Buchanan, Mich., and wine manager at Knightsbridge Fine Wine Shop in Deerfield from 1993 to 1996. He was also active in the Beverly Wine and Food Society.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Lickteig; his mother, Mary Lickteig; and two brothers, William and Joseph.

A funeral Mass was conducted at Bethany Union Church, Oak Lawn. Interment was in St. Mary Cemetery in Evergreen Park. Memorials may be made to the Corpus National Association for Married Priesthood in care of the funeral home.

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