

Fr. Rozewicz was ‘a very good administrator’

DETROIT — Fr. Michael Rozewicz, OFM. Conv., “was one of Fr. Michael one of those priests who could take on very difficult assignments,” says his friend, Fr. James Henning, OFM Conv.

Fr. Rozewicz died Jan. 14. He was 79.

Fr. Henning first met Fr. Rozewicz in 1976. “When I first entered the community, he was celebrating 25 years. One of my first things as a novice was to attend his 25th anniversary,” he recalled.

Twice, Fr. Henning followed Fr. Rozewicz throughout his career – at both St. Hedwig and currently at Our Lady Queen of Angels, Detroit. “Throughout his priesthood, he was given difficult assignments to handle. He was a very good administrator and handled them with great care and sensitivity.”

Born in 1925 in Milwaukee, he made his simple profession Sept. 8, 1946, in Lake Forest, Ill. He made his solemn profession Oct. 4, 1949, in Assisi, Italy and was ordained in Assisi on July 8, 1951. As a newly ordained priest, he was assigned to St. Hedwig Parish. He returned in 1984 to serve as pastor there again and also served as vicar for the Southwest Vicariate.

Fr. Rozewicz served the Archdiocese of Detroit as pastor of Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish, Detroit, from August 1994 to August 1997.

He had recently been in limited service at All Saints Friary at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Heights. He died at Marywood Manor Nursing Care, Livonia.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 18 at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church. Burial was in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Milwaukee.

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