

Reverend Eugene J. Konkell, S.S. Resident of Menlo Park

Born: March 7, 1931

Ordained: 1957

Deceased: September 9, 2012

After a short illness, Father Gene Konkell died at his home at Saint Patrick Seminary & University on September 14, 2012. He was 81 years of age. Father was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Elizabeth [Paczocha] and John Konkell, and grew up there with his sister Elynor "Dolly," and his brother, Richard, who have both preceded him in death. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Caroline Konkell, his nephews and nieces, Father Thomas Demse, pastor of St. Gregory the Great Church in Milwaukee, Christopher (Jeanne), Bonita Balch (Dan), Susan, Natalie and Roberta Thompson (Thomas).

Ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1957, he held graduate degrees from Catholic University and from Marquette, and was admitted into the Society of Saint Sulpice in 1959. Father Gene taught at seminaries in Baltimore, Louisville, Kentucky, Honolulu, and **Saint Joseph College in Mountain View**.

Father Gene was best known, however, for his ministry for more than 35 years as spiritual director at **Saint Patrick Seminary & University**, and for his connection to the Vatican II Institute in Menlo Park, where he served as its Director from July 1, 1976 until June 30, 2002. He touched the lives of countless people and will be fondly remembered for his kindness, generosity, wisdom and humor.

May he share in the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Patrick Seminary and University.

The following arrangements have been made by his family and friends: Vigil: Sunday, September 23, 2012, Saint Patrick Seminary & University, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass: Monday, September 24, 2012, Saint Patrick Seminary & University, Menlo Park, 10:00 a.m. Arrangements by MenloParkFunerals.com

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