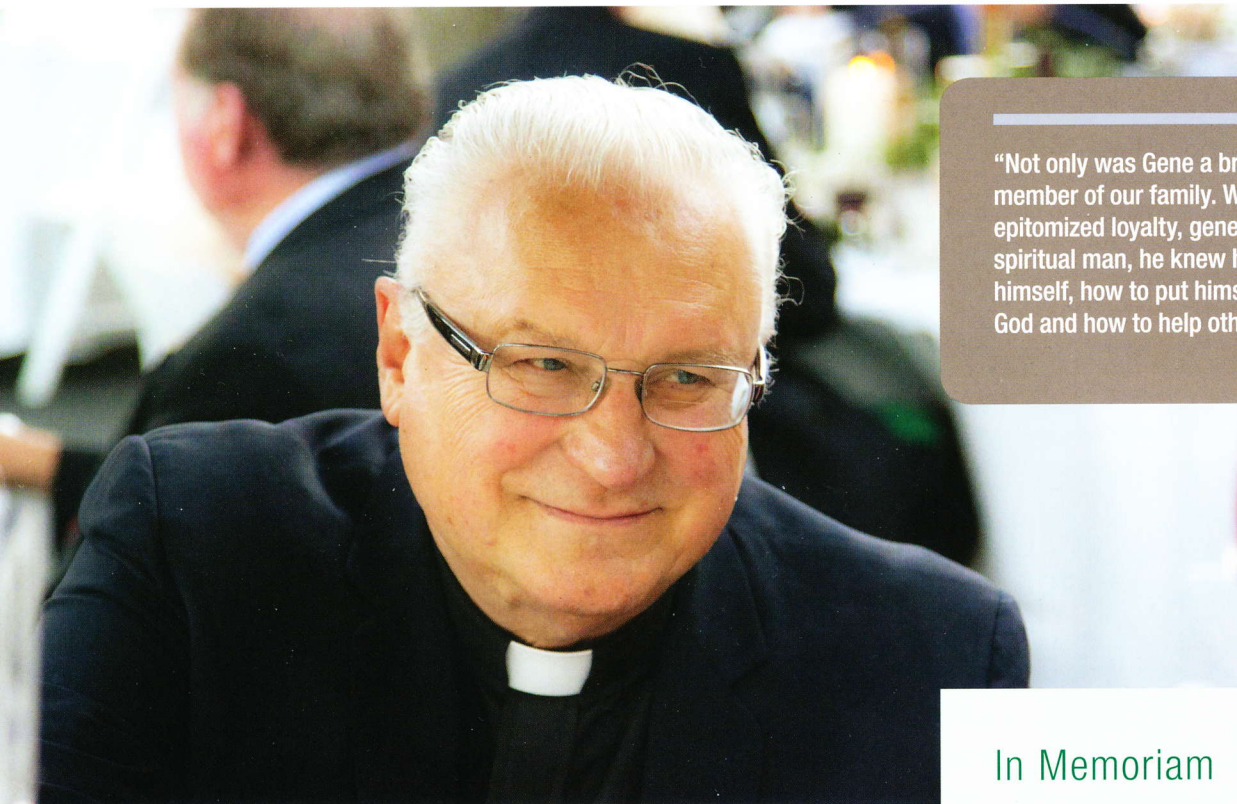


# Rest in Peace, Father Eugene J. Konkel, S.S. (1931-2012)



“Not only was Gene a brother and friend, he was a member of our family. We loved him and still do. He epitomized loyalty, generosity and integrity. A deeply spiritual man, he knew how to listen, how to be himself, how to put himself into the hands of his loving God and how to help others do the same.”

-Reverend Jerry Brown, S.S.

By Mrs. Katie Bailey

Father Gene Konkel died on September 14, 2012, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, at his home at St. Patrick's Seminary & University. He was 81 years old.

Gene was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Elizabeth [Paczocha] and John Konkel, and grew up there with his sister Eleanor “Dolly,” and his brother, Richard, who have both preceded him in death.

He was ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1957, and held graduate degrees from Catholic University and Marquette University. He was admitted into the Society of Saint Sulpice in 1959. Father Gene taught at seminaries in Baltimore, Louisville, and Honolulu, and at Saint Joseph's College in Mountain View until it was closed in 1989 after the Loma Prieta earthquake.

Gene was best known for his ministry of more than 35 years as a spiritual director. He also served as the Director of the Vatican II institute between 1976 and 2002. In his many roles, he touched the lives of countless people and will be remembered for his kindness and generosity, wisdom and humor. May he share in the joys of the Kingdom of Heaven.

## In Memoriam

Msgr. William Lenane, R'44  
Larry Walsh, R'45  
Rev. Angelo Re, R'54  
Jack Baker, R'50  
Michael Joseph Hester, R.53  
Msgr. James O'Malley, R'39  
James M. McDonald, R'56  
Liam Wait, C'84  
Peter Gosch, C'74  
Patrick C. McLaughlin, R'66  
Dominick Doherty, HS'79  
Charles Dowd, R'64  
Richard J. Siggins, R'47  
Rev. Eugene Konkel, S.S., September 2012  
Rev. Robert Cipriano, October 2012  
Rev. John Bitterman, S.S., R'62, October 2012

### Note:

- “R” indicates that the seminarian graduated in the Rhetoric Class of the stated year--the Rhetoric Class was the second year of College at St. Joseph's, training students in oratory and preparing them to give sermons (homilies) at St. Patrick's Seminary. At this time, the minor seminary included four years of high school and two years of college.
- “H.S.” After 1969, the minor seminary consisted of four years of high school and four years of college. The “H.S.” indicates that the seminarian attended or graduated from the high school.
- “C” indicates that the seminarian attended or graduated from St. Patrick's College.

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