

May Father Thomas Schiller rest in eternal peace



Father Thomas Aloysius Schiller entered eternal life on Friday, February 28, 2014. Father Schiller was born in New Era, Michigan on May 30, 1929, the son of Edmund Schiller and Julia Greiner.

After Cranston Elementary School, he attended St. Joseph Seminary, Grand Rapids, Michigan; Seminary of Philosophy, Montreal; and St. John's Seminary, Plymouth, Michigan. He was ordained a priest by Bishop Allen J. Babcock at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on June 4, 1955.

Father Schiller served the parishes of St. James, Grand Rapids; SS Peter and Paul, Ionia; St. Joseph, Onkama with Missions of St. Raphael, Copemish and of St. Joseph, Karlin; St. Simon, Ludington; Sacred Heart, Victory; St. Stanislaus, Ludington; St. Mary, Lowell; St. Mary, Spring Lake; St. James, Montague with Mission of St. John the Baptist, Claybanks. He was elected dean of the Ludington Deanery on October 15, 1974. He retired to senior priest status on July 7, 1999.

He is survived by a brother, Joseph (Ruth) Schiller, three sisters, Stella O'Donnell; Sister Mary Rosita Schiller, RSM; Rosemary (Norman) Byrne, and two sisters-in-law, Genevieve Schiller and Teresa Schiller Anderson. He was predeceased by his parents, Edmund and Julia (Greiner) Schiller; brothers, Timothy and Francis Schiller; brothers-in-law, Walter O'Donnell and Cliff Anderson. He is survived by many, many favorite nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Funeral arrangements for Father Schiller are as follows:

- Visitation will be on **Sunday, March 2 (2:00p.m.-4:00p.m. and 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.)** with a Prayer Service at **7:30p.m.** at St. James Catholic Church, 5149 Dowling St., Montague, Michigan.
- Mass of Christian Burial will be on **Monday, March 3 at 11:00 a.m.** at St. James Catholic Church, 5149 Dowling St., Montague, Michigan.

May Father Schiller now rest in eternal peace and enjoy the fullness of the glory of the Lord he served. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.