

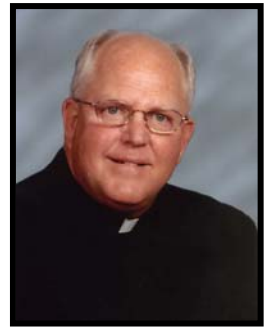


December 7, 2009

Dear Viatorian Community:

I regret to inform you of the death of Fr. William Carpenter, CSV, who died Sunday, December 6th. He was 65. He was born in Peoria, Illinois, the son of James and Mary Eileen, nee Sparks, Carpenter. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brothers J.D. (Zoe) Carpenter of Goodyear, AZ and David (Maurie) Carpenter of Peoria, IL, his nephews and nieces Brad Carpenter, Cindy (Steve) Good, Kevin (Shannon) Carpenter, Sara (Steve) Elkins, Dan (Carrie) Carpenter, several grand nephews and nieces, and his aunt and uncle, Lyle and Loretta Sparks.

Fr. Carpenter graduated from Spalding Institute in 1962 where he was taught by several Viatorians. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa (1972); a Master of Divinity from Catholic Theological Union (1976); and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Loyola University (1983).



Fr. Carpenter received his habit as a Viatorian on September 7th, 1963. He pronounced his first vows on September 8th, 1964, his perpetual vows on October 21st, 1970, and was ordained to the priesthood on April 30th, 1977.

Fr. Carpenter spent his first year of ministry as a young brother assisting with retreats at Viatorian Villa in McHenry, Illinois. He served as a teacher at Saint Viator High School (Arlington Heights, IL) and as a teacher and counselor at Bishop Gorman High School (Las Vegas, NV). He was a parochial vicar at Maternity BVM parish (Bourbonnais, IL) and St. Viator parish (Las Vegas, NV). During these assignments, he served as chaplain to the Bourbonnais Village fire and police departments and as chaplain to the Las Vegas fire department. He was appointed pastor at St. Jude parish (Rochester, IL), St. Viator parish (Chicago, IL) and again at St. Jude parish. Fr. Carpenter served the Viatorian Community as the director of mission appeals, director of priestly formation, and as provincial councilor.

Visitation will be Friday, December 11th at Lauterburg and Oehler Funeral Home in Arlington Heights, IL from 4:00-7:30 p.m. A wake service will be held at 7:30 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday, December 12th at St. Viator Church in Chicago at 11:00 a.m. preceded by a visitation beginning at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Hillside, IL.

In memory of Fr. Carpenter, memorials may be sent to the Clerics of St. Viator, Mission Fund, 1212 E. Euclid Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL, 60004.

In St. Viator and Fr. Querbes,

Rev. Thomas R. von Behren, C.S.V.
Provincial