

Fr. Edward Joseph WOLFE 68 USA P.R.

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+ Aug. 4, 1983 Pittsburgh

He was a graduate of DU Prep School, 1932, and College, 1936. It was there that he got the nickname Coach because he was the student manager of the football and basketball teams. Professed at Ridgefield, Aug. 25, 1937, he studied theology at Ferndale, where he was ordained Nov. 11, 1940.

Wartime conditions changed his original appointment to Kilimanjaro in 1942 into a temporary assignment to Puerto Rico. It became permanent. He served at San Felipe, Arecibo, and Jayuya. In 1951 he became the director of the Holy Childhood Association, first for one diocese, then another and another and so on till his duties covered the whole island. By 1972 he directed all pontifical mission associations in Puerto Rico.

While on leave for medical reasons in 1983, he stayed at DU as a guest because of its closeness to Mercy Hospital. He died there in his sleep. Interment took place at the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

Pope John Paul II honored him with a private audience. The many people who knew Fr. Edward remembered him for his warm and affectionate ways; they told all kinds of little stories about his wit and abiding interest in the church and the People of God.

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