

Fr. James Joseph WHITE SR. 76 USA TZA

* Sept. 2, 1911, Philadelphia

+ June 9, 1988 Houston, TX

After attending Catholic High School in his hometown, he entered Cornwells in 1930 for two years of college studies. He then went to the Ridgefield novitiate, where he pronounced his first vows July 16, 1933. He received his senior education at Ferndale, where he was also ordained a priest Sept. 15, 1938.

The following year he was assigned to the Kilimanjaro district in Tanzania, and he served there for thirteen years. We find him listed as stationed in Kilema, Tanga, Arusha, Mashati and Moshi.

Returning to the States in 1953, he worked for two years as an assistant at St. Edward's, New Iberia, then as pastor at Queen of Peace, Arlington, VA., 1955-58. Next, he became pastor for two years of St. Joseph's, Plaisance, LA, where he managed to build a badly needed church. These appointments were followed by a six year pastorate at O.L. of the Blessed Sacrament, Shreveport, LA, and one year at Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, LA.

Needing a less responsible position, he then served for one year as an assistant at St. Monica's, New Orleans, followed by three years at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bakersfield, CA., and at St. John's, Tucson, AZ.

His retirement years began in 1972. We find him listed as residing in various places, such as St. Peter Claver's, Philadelphia, Stella Maris, Sarasota, San Antonio and finally at the seminary in Houston, TX. There he died of a heart attack. Interment took place at the Cornwells community cemetery.

Nearly all his active years as a priest had been spent in the service of the blacks, first in Africa and then in USA parishes.