

Fr. Michael J. CARR 71 TZA USA

* Oct. 30, 1920, Philadelphia + Jan. 13, 1992 Lake Charles, LA

After attending Catholic High school in his hometown, he entered Cornwells in 1939 to become a missionary in the Congregation. He made his first vows in Ridgefield, CT, on August 15, 1941, and did his senior studies in Ferndale. He was also ordained a priest there on June 3, 1947.

His first assignment took him to Kilimanjaro in East Africa. He served there zealously for 13 years. We find him listed as working for the people of Uru, Moshi and Kwizu.

Returning to the USA, he ministered for three years as an assistant pastor in St. Paul's, Lafayette, LA, a parish for African-Americans, and then, from 1964, for four years as vocation director of the new USA-West Spiritan Province, stationed in Glenwood Springs, CO.

This appointment was followed by twenty years of tireless work among African-Americans in Louisiana, first at St. Monica's and Holy Ghost parishes, New Orleans, as an assistant, and then from 1975 on as pastor of St. Paul's, Lafayette, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and Sacred Heart parishes in Lake Charles. An outstanding feature of his work was his zeal for Catholic education.

After a brief pastorate at St. Joseph's Conway, AR, 1988-1990, he returned to Lake Charles to serve as an assistant at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish. He died there in St. Patrick's Hospital, following a heart attack.

Interment took place at the Spiritan community cemetery of Cornwells.

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