

Rev. Adrian van Kaam, C.S.Sp., Ph.D.

Rev. Adrian van Kaam, C.S.Sp., Ph.D., a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died Saturday, November 17, 2007 at the age of 87.

Father van Kaam was born April 19, 1920 in The Hague, Holland. He professed his vows August 29, 1940 at the Seminary in Gemert Netherlands and was ordained to the priesthood there July 21, 1946. In 1954 after ministering in Holland for eight years, Father came to the United States and was appointed to the faculty in the Psychology Department of Duquesne University. In 1963 he founded the Graduate Institute of Formative Spirituality, received the President's Award for Excellence in teaching, and taught there as a professor in this field until its closing in 1993. He was also the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Christian Letters degree from the Franciscan University of Steubenville and author and co-author of many books in the fields of spiritual formation, religious education and psychology as a human science. In 1979 he co-founded with Doctor Susan Muto the Epiphany Association which serves as a resource center dedicated to post-graduate study in the classical and contemporary field of formative spirituality. Father retired to Libermann Hall, Bethel Park in 2004. From 2005 until the present he was under the skilled care of the Little Sisters of the Poor on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, November 24 at 11:00 AM in the Duquesne University Chapel, Pittsburgh PA. Burial will take place in Queen of Heaven Cemetery, McMurray PA.