

REV. ANTHONY A. BACHER, C.S.Sp.

Rev. Anthony A. Bacher, C.S.Sp., 90, of Bethel Park PA, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit died Wednesday, March 25, 2009.

Father Bacher was born February 16, 1919. He professed his vows August 30, 1941 at Holy Ghost Novitiate, Ridgefield CT and was ordained to the Priesthood June 4, 1946 at St. Mary's Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

His first assignment in 1947 was to Tanzania, East Africa where he worked for the next forty years; twenty-five in the Diocese of Moshi in Tanzania where he built the Church for Mawella Catholic Mission on the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and fifteen years in the Diocese of Meru in Kenya. He worked there in pastoral ministry and was responsible for the construction of many mission buildings including churches, community halls and rectories. He was transferred to South Africa in 1988 where he continued his ministry until 1995 when he returned to the States and retired to Sarasota FL. He has been a resident of Libermann Hall, Bethel Park since 2007.

Father was preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Barbara (Kravjarova) Bacher, and his brothers Charles and Andrew. He is survived by his sister, Martha Montesano of Tucson AZ and many nieces and nephews.

There will be viewing at The Spiritan Center, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park PA 15102 on Tuesday, March 31st from 9:00 – 11:00 AM followed by Mass of Resurrection. Burial will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery, O'Hara Township, Pittsburgh PA.

In memory of Fr. Bacher donations may be made to the Spiritans designated for retirement or for the education of future Holy Spirit Fathers, 6230 Brush Run Road, Bethel Park PA 15102.