

Fr. Edward Joseph A. Recktenwald 86 USA

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He had worked as an accountant when he applied for admission to the Congregation. After one supplementary year of Studies at DU, he could enter the novitiate at the age of 28 and pronounced his vows in Ridgefield, Oct. 1, 1927. In the last year of his senior studies in Ferndale, he was ordained Sept. 14, 1933.

His professional expertise naturally led to his appointment as assistant provincial procurator in 1934. After one year of pastoral work at St. Mary's, Detroit, he became provincial procurator till 1939, and then treasurer of DU during the difficult war years.

In 1945 he began to function again in pastoral ministry for one year at Notre Dame, Chippewa Falls, WI, followed by an appointment as pastor of Sacred Heart, Lake Charles, LA. Ill health sent him back North in 1949, where we find him at St. Anthony's Millvale.

In 1953 he resumed the function of treasurer at DU--this time for eight years. Needing a less demanding task, he became pastor of St. Edward's, Powhatan, VA. Then, in 1963 at the age of 65, he assumed a convent chaplaincy at St. Elizabeth, PA. For 19 years he held this position to the great satisfaction of the Sisters. When his health deteriorated so much that he had to resign, the Sisters graciously allowed him to stay with them in residence. His last year was spent in the Vincentian Home for the Aged. Interment took place at the Sharpsburg community cemetery.

Throughout his life he was an exemplary priest and religious, who seldom if ever complained. Inclined to be self-diffident and doubtful about his own abilities, he nonetheless did a very good job in the tasks entrusted to him. And he always remained a perfect gentleman in the true sense of the term.