

Fr. Edward J. BERIAULT 90 CAN USA

*Aug. 15, 1895, Montreal

+Dec. 28, 1985 Conway AR

After his secondary schooling he entered the Spiritan college of St. Alexandre, near Ottawa, where he did his philosophy. He was then sent to France for his novitiate and theology. His profession took place at Orly, Oct. 3, 1921, and he was ordained Oct. 28, 1923 at Chevilly, where he had finished his theology.

His first appointment sent him back to St. Alexandre College as dean of discipline of the students, and from 1932 to 36 as a teacher. He then obtained permission to transfer to the USA and became pastor of St. Joachim's, Detroit.

In 1946 the provincial of Canada recalled him to St. Alexandre to be the college treasurer. But it took Father Beriault only a few months to realize that he was unfit for that position. Restless, he begged the provincial to let him return to the USA. His wish was granted. In 1947 we find him as pastor of St. John's, Tuscaloosa, AL, where he remained for twelve years.

After a brief stay as chaplain of De Salle Academy, Parkersburg, WV, he became in 1959 pastor of St. Gabriel's, Hot Springs, AR. When this parish was closed ten years later, he retired to St. Joseph's, Conway, AR.

He remained there, still fairly active for twelve years, By then he was 87 and had become practically confined to his room and a wheelchair. He died two days after going into a local nursing home.

He had been a priest for 62 years and had found the best meaning of his priesthood in the service of the poor. "You have given excellent service to the work and the people," his provincial wrote in 1969 when he

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retired. "Your dedication has been a genuine example of priests and religious." Interment took place in the community plot of St. Joseph's Cemetery.

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