

Fr. Michael Vincent KANDA 68 USA

* April 5, 1914, South Chicago, IL

+ May 13, 1982 Detroit

One of the three Kanda brothers in the Congregation, he grew up in Trenton, NJ. His junior studies began in Cornwells in 1927, followed by his profession in Ridgefield July 31, 1934. Illness interrupted his years at Ferndale in 1937, but he used it to earn an M.A. He was ordained in Ferndale June 21, 1941.

World War Two cancelled his original appointment to Kilimanjaro, so that his first assignment took him to Natchitoches, LA; he was transferred from there to Holy Ghost parish, New Orleans, in 1944.

We find him as pastor of Our Lady of Peace, Arlington, VA in 1948; two years later he served in the same capacity at Holy Ghost, Marksville, LA. In 1958 he assumed the pastorship of St. Benedict, Detroit.

Next he spent some years teaching first at the junior seminary of Ann Arbor, MI in 1963, then at St. Emma Academy, Powhatan, VA, and finally at St. Francis de Sales High School, Chicago.

Returning to pastoral ministry in 1970, he served successively in St. Ann's, Millvale, St. Mary's, Detroit, St. Madeleine, Tiverton, R.I., and finally again at St. Mary's, Detroit. He died there suddenly of a heart attack. Interment took place at Cornwells community cemetery.

Teaching definitely was not his forte, even though he had earned a second M. A. degree at a university in Michigan for it. He was tireless, however, in his pastoral ministry, especially to the poor and the sick. His ability to hear confessions in five languages served him especially well in Detroit. He also possessed a real talent for artistic drawings, which made him a favorite with all ages. Throughout his life he proved his attachment to the Congregation on many occasions.