

Fr. Mortimer F. KANE 69 U.S.A. TANZANIA

\* February 26, 1929 Lynbrook NY

April 15, 1998 Bethel Park PA

He attended public grade and high schools in his Long Island hometown until 1946, earning scholastic honors. As an all-round athlete, he was a vigorous swimmer, played football, basketball and baseball, while also excelling at the track, earning letters in each sport. Going to Georgetown University for College on an athletic scholarship in 1946, he kept up his athletic interests while earning a B.Sc. in 1950. He then switched to Duquesne University to pursue graduate studies in chemistry.

At Duquesne he found his vocation for the priesthood as a Holy Ghost Father. Professed on August 22, 1952 at Ridgefield CT, he earned a B.D. at Ferndale seminary in Norwalk CT and was ordained there on June 7, 1956.

His assignment to the Diocese of Moshi in Tanzania was delayed a few months by an emergency posting to Sacred Heart African-American parish in Lake Charles LA, but on February 1, 1958 he flew to Nairobi and from there went to Moshi.

Here is the record of his appointments:

- 1961 Holy Ghost Secondary School at Umbwe
- 1964 St. James Seminary at Moshi
- 1966 Kishimundi Annunciation Mission, of which he was director in 1971
- 1972 Endulen Mission, in the Ngorongoro Crater, Diocese of Arusha; he became director of this Maasai mission in 1975.
- 1977 Monduli Mission, Diocese of Arusha, among the Maasai. He was assistant only for a short time, as he was called to the U.S.A. as delegate for the provincial chapter of 1977.
- 1978 Usa River, novitiate and collegiate Spiritan seminary, of which he was named rector.
- 1982 Kigungu, St. Michael Mission, in the Diocese of Arusha. He served as its pastor.
- 1992 Enkikarret Catechetical Center of the Arusha diocese.

Suffering from cancer he returned to the U.S.A. for treatment in 1996, but was still able to return to his beloved Maasai. Soon after he had to go back to the States for more treatment. His final days were spent at Bethel Park, where he died. Memorial services took place there and in Bensalem PA, where interment took place.