

Fr. Vincent Ignatius CRONIN 62 USA TZA

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He entered Cornwells after high school for two years of college before his novitiate in Ridgefield, where he made his profession Aug. 15, 1941. Illness caused his senior studies at Ferndale to be interrupted for one year, which he spent prefecting at St. Joseph's House in Philadelphia. He received the priesthood at Ferndale June 6, 1948

His first appointment sent him to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, in 1949. He spent 16 years there, in missionary work, building schools and dispensaries, including the first high school for Maasai.

In 1965 he was back in the USA and appointed to the Gerard High School, Phoenix, AZ, but teaching was not his line. So the following year we find him at St. Anthony's, Portsmouth, RI, after a few months at St. Mark's, New York. He became pastor of St. Christopher's, Tiverton, RI, in 1968.

An appointment as coordinator of vocations with residence in Bethel Park, PA, followed in 1971, but lasted only six months. He then served as pastor of Holy Family Inkster, MI, till 1975, followed by two years each in the same function at St. Anthony's, Millvale, and St. Christopher's, Tiverton. Much to the dismay of his parishioners and the disappointment of the bishop, he was then made first assistant of the USA-East Province with residence in Bethel Park. He did a fine job in that function, but his superior granted him his wish to return to pastoral work in 1982 and he became pastor of St. Peter Claver's, Philadelphia. Less than five months later, he died there of a heart attack.

Sincere grief met the announcement of his death and showed how

greatly his zeal was appreciated by all who had come in touch with him. Some of his admirers were even ready to canonize him. Interment took place at the Cornwells community cemetery.

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