



Rev. Thomas A. Kavanaugh, C.M.

January 30, 1914 - November 27, 2005

FATHER THOMAS A. KAVANAUGH Father Thomas Kavanaugh entered eternal life Nov. 27, 2005 at the age of 91. Father Tom, a native of Chicago, Illinois, was born on Jan. 30, 1914. In 1935 he made his Religious Profession in the Congregation of the Missions Vincentians and was ordained a priest in June, 1941. Following ordination Father Tom was sent on "temporary assignment" to San Antonio, Texas where he remained for 64 years. For 27 of those years Father Tom's ministered at St. John's and Assumption seminaries where he was professor and spiritual director of formation for numerous young men who were studying for the priesthood. Father Tom was very instrumental in fostering the importance of learning Spanish language and culture. During the remainder of his Texas tenure Father Tom served the people of God through parish ministry in St. Leo, Sacred Heart Cotulla, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Immaculate Conception El Paso, Our Lady of Grace, and St. Matthew SA where he was actively engaged until his hospitalization on November 2nd. Father Tom is preceded in death by his parents, John and Josephine, his brother John and his wife, Jeanne and his niece, Mary Jo Berg and her husband, Tom. He is survived by nieces and nephews, Richard Kavanaugh and his wife, Geri; Thomas Kavanaugh and his wife, Cheryl; Patricia Kavanaugh; John Kavanaugh and his wife, Patricia; Jeanne Kavanaugh; Margo Kavanaugh Potekin and her husband, Barry, and Katherine Brennan and her husband, Mike. SERVICE The Vigil for Father Tom will be held at St. Matthew Catholic Church Thursday, Dec. 1st at 7:30 pm. Mass of the

Resurrection will be held at 10:00 am on Friday, Dec. 2nd at St. Matthew. Burial will be at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Losoya, TX. Father Tom touched so many lives and was deeply loved in return. He will be greatly missed. The parishioners of St. Matthew join with Father Tom's family and his Vincentian Community in saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Father Tom was such an inspiration. What an incredible man, to work so long for God. How many 91-year-olds could keep up with him? None that we know. We appreciate that he said Mass for so many years. He is very much missed at St. Matthew's.*

Dan and Chrissie Warner - December 12, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *I remember Fr. Kavanaugh from Assumption when, during the early 60's, I used to serve mass for him and other priests at Assumption during the summer months when seminarians were scarce and priests were plentiful. Always a peaceful person, will always be*

Donald Rihn - December 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *We send our sincere condolences to Father Kavanaugh's family. We especially remember Jeannie and her kindness to Emma Toudouze.*

Karen Lupa/ Polly Fogel - December 06, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *I am sorry to hear about Father Tom's passing. He was a big part of my childhood. Father Tom would do masses at my grandmother's family ranch in Encinal. The Lyssy Ranch
When I was younger at one of the masses at the ranch I was in front of my grandfather*

Shelley Fulmer - December 05, 2005 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ I want to extend my condolences to the Kavanaugh family. I appreciated Father Tom for his love and concern for all people. I am a hospice chaplain and have called Father Tom on a number of occasions to pray the Sacrament of the Sick over patients before

Harry Miller - December 04, 2005 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ God bless Father Tom! I know he is in a better place. But I cherish the time he was with us at St Matthews. He was very special to my family and we will never forget him!

Carol Trostle - December 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I am very sorry to hear about Rev Kavanaugh. I had the pleasure of meeting him when he arrived at Metropolitan Methodist Hospital. I am a registrar at the hospital and I happened to be lucky enough to meet such a great man. You can tell the quality of a p

PATRICIA LOBO - December 02, 2005 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of Father Tom. He did many masses at my mother's family ranch in Encinal, Texas. The Lyssy Ranch He was our spiritual advisor and a great family friend. He will be missed but not forgotten.

Kathleen Dudek Hudek - December 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ On behalf of the Murray Family, I'd like to express our deepest sympathy to Father Kavanaugh's family. Yet, we are celebrating his long life and thanking him for his untiring, outstanding service to the church and parishoners all over. My daughter was a

Bill Murray - December 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ I am sorry to hear of Father Kavanaugh's death. He was a friend of my husband Dr. Thomas D. Kelly, and was a great comfort to the family after his death. Our sincere sympathy to the Kavanaugh family.
Mabel Kelly and family

Mabel Kelly - December 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Fr. Kavanaugh was Minor House Prefect at St, John's Seminary in San Antonio when I entered in the then largest freshman class ever. He was very influential in my life although I left the Seminary in my 3rd year. I always remembered him.
The world need

David Leyendecker - December 01, 2005 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Rev. Thomas A. Kavanaugh; and his fellow priests at St. Matthew Catholic Church in San Antonio, TX. Although I did not know Father Kavanaugh personally, I loved and enjoyed his sermons that is how

Simon H. Castillo - November 30, 2005 at 12:00 AM