

Fr. Eldon Reichert Memorial

On April 7, 2010, the two Marianist communities of Cleveland conducted a beautiful Memorial Mass for Fr. Eldon Reichert, S.M., at St. Aloysius Parish at 7:00 p.m. followed by a light social.

Approximately 236 people joined us including : Tim and Jerry Rhoads, two grand-nephews of Fr. Eldon, who drove in for the event from Rochester, NY; Bishop Anthony Pilla, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Cleveland, Auxiliary Bishop Roger Gries, OSB; ten diocesan priests; St. Aloysius permanent deacon, Rev. Mr. James Paul; St. Aloysius parishioners; faculty and staff from St. Agatha-St. Aloysius Grade School; graduates, active and retired faculty members from St. Joseph High School and VASJ; Common Bond members; vowed religious sisters from at least seven different orders; Hunger Center volunteers; and many former retreatants and spiritual counselees.

Fr. Bill Behringer was principal celebrant and homilist. Bro. Bob Dzubinski played the music which was enriched by the parish choir; readers were parishioner, Beverly Smith, Bros. Dave Murphy and Rev. Mr. James Paul. Bro. Jack Dempsey gave a word of welcome after the opening hymn and Bro. Paul Hoffman compiled the program and welcomed speakers giving reflections.

Reflections were delivered by: Fr. James O'Donnell, friend and spiritual advisor; Rabbi Matthew Eisenberg, friend and Hunger Center contributor; Joseph Radican, former principal of St. Joseph High School; and Bishop Roger Gries who also personally commended the Marianists.

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