



FATHER JAMES KUNES

Celebrating 60 years of ordination

Father James Kunes is celebrating 50 years of priesthood in the Society of Mary. He professed first vows on Aug. 22, 1948, in Beacon, N.Y., and he was ordained on July 17, 1960, in Fribourg, Switzerland.

He earned his bachelor's degree in education from University of Dayton, and he earned STB, STL, and STD degrees from University of Fribourg.

In his early years of ministry, Fr. James served as a teacher and chaplain at schools in Cincinnati, and after his ordination, he continued in those roles in Dayton and Hamilton, Ohio, and Kalamazoo, Michigan. After serving a few years at the Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton, he served as a professor at University of Dayton and University of Michigan.

In 1972, he began concentrating on pastoral work, serving churches in Michigan for more than 15 years. In 1990, he moved to St. Louis where he provided pastoral work at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Kirkwood, Missouri. In 1995, he began serving as a part-time chaplain at DePaul Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in St. Louis.

Fr. James left St. Louis in 2011 and currently resides in Dayton at the Siena Woods Marianist Community.