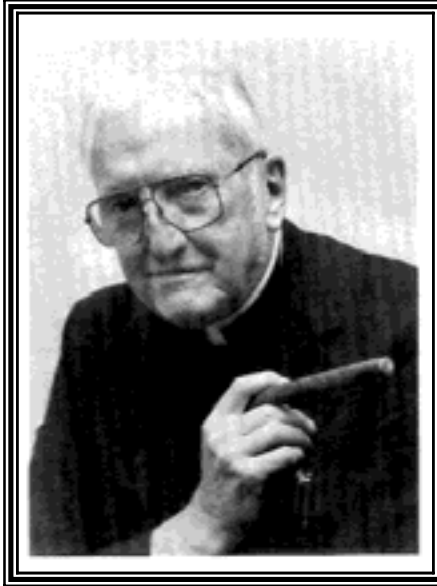


Monsignor Jerome E. Schmit



Born: December 4, 1910
Ordained: June 7, 1941
Died: April 10, 1997

A son of SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Monsignor Schmit was born on December 4, 1910. He graduated from St. John's High School in 1928. He graduated from St John's College in 1932, and did graduate work in Scripture and Theology at Pontifical Josephinum. Monsignor obtained his Master's Degree in Social Work from Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., in 1941.

For over 50 years, Monsignor Schmit served the youth of Northwest Ohio. A year after his ordination, he was appointed to Catholic Charities and was named assistant director of the Catholic Youth Organization. Under his guidance, the C.Y.O. evolved into the most successful unit in the state — an original four basketball teams eventually reached over 600! Having been first appointed Assistant Director of Catholic Charities and Director of Diocesan Youth Department in 1942, Monsignor expanded the Catholic Club Ministry to inner city youth. He further expanded C.Y.O. athletic, cultural and spiritual activities to the entire Diocese of Toledo.

Msgr. Schmit was a founding board member of the *Lucas County Recreation Center*, the *Toledo Mud Hens* and the *Baseball Hall of Fame* in Maumee, Ohio. He was chaplain of the *Toledo Police Department* and established the *Catholic Better Community Development Corp.* (now *MAREDA*) to provide housing for hundreds of elderly, handicapped and low-income persons. He was a board member of the *Toledo Legal Aid Society* and a member of the *Toledo Rotary Club*, having received the distinguished *Paul Harris Fellow* award.

For over 25 years, Msgr. Schmit had served as chaplain for Logsdon-Walla Post No. 639, Catholic War Veterans. We find it fitting that our Post should sponsor a Youth Fund dedicated to our faithful friend and mentor, Msgr. Jerome E. Schmit!

Monsignor passed away on April 10, 1997. He is sorely missed, but his memory will be perpetuated by the good works sponsored by the endowment.