



Rev. Francis X. Grollig, SJ
August 20, 2005
Colombiere Center
Clarkston, MI

Jesuit priest, teacher, scholar and 36-year-veteran of Loyola University Chicago, Rev. Francis X. Grollig, SJ, died Saturday, August 20, 2005, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI.

“He was an accomplished professional anthropologist; he was the first Jesuit priest to obtain a doctorate in any subject at Indiana University,” Fr. Earl Weis, SJ, said as he remembered his close friend Fr. Grollig.

Fr. Grollig, a native of Cincinnati, OH, attended grade school at St. Ursula Academy and graduated from St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. Shortly after his high school graduation in 1940, Fr. Grollig entered the Jesuits at Milford, OH. During his studies to become a priest, he earned an AB in Latin in 1947 and an MA in History and Philosophy in 1950 from Loyola University Chicago. Subsequently he earned a PhD from Indiana University in Anthropology in 1959. He was granted a licentiate in philosophy and a licentiate in sacred theology from West Baden College in Indiana in 1949. During his Jesuit training he also taught history and English at St. Xavier High School and Latin at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL. Fr. Grollig was ordained a priest on June 17, 1953, at West Baden, Indiana.

After ordination Fr. Grollig was first assigned to St. Xavier Church in Cincinnati and then, in 1955, to Loyola University Chicago, where he became a teaching fellow in the history department.

In 1959 Fr. Grollig became the first chairman of the Anthropology Department at Loyola University Chicago. As chairman of that department, he began the Annual Peru Program in 1961 and the Annual Mexican Program in 1978.

In 1989 Fr. Grollig was named director of the Latin American Studies Program at Loyola University Chicago, a position he held until 1991. Throughout his many years there he edited and wrote several books on both anthropology and Latin American studies.

Fr. Raymond Baumhart, SJ, former president of Loyola University, remembered Fr. Grollig as, “A quiet scholar with a dry wit. He was helpful to students and others in need.” Fr. Baumhart went on to say, “Fr. Grollig was proud of his priesthood.”

Fr. Grollig is survived by a sister, Sr. Alma Grollig, SNDdeN, and a brother, Fr. Anthony J. Grollig, SJ, who is currently serving in Patna, India.

Memorial gifts for Fr. Grollig may be made to the **Jesuit Partnership**, 2059 N. Sedgwick St., Chicago, IL 60614 or online at www.jesuits-chi.org.

Visit www.jesuits-chi.org/tributes to read the full text of the obituary and to sign Fr. Grollig’s guestbook.

Eunice Chomicz



The Chicago Province mourns the loss of Eunice Chomicz (1942–2005), who passed away June 19 after a sudden illness. A beloved wife and mother, Eunice was a leadership volunteer promoting the Jesuits and Jesuit ministries for almost 30 years. Her involvement with the Jesuits began at St. Ignatius College Prep, where she and

her husband Tom sent their six children for what Eunice often described as a “life-changing education.” As an SICIP parent and long thereafter, she was such a devoted volunteer that they hired her. In 1996 she received SICIP’s Golden Rose Award, which is, according to the school’s president, Brian Paulson, SJ, “the highest honor that St. Ignatius College Prep bestows upon an individual who volunteers in service of the school.” In 1997 Eunice began working for the Chicago Province Jesuits as managing editor of *Partners* magazine, where, according to Provincial Assistant for Development Tim Freeman, “she laid the foundation for what is today an award-winning magazine.” Just months before she was diagnosed with cancer, she joined the Development Advisory Council of the Chicago Province Jesuits as yet another way to share her gifts. Never one to take credit or seek accolades, Eunice gave of herself to the benefit of family, friends, and those the Jesuits serve. The Jesuits remember Eunice in prayer and with deep gratitude for her outstanding service. Eunice is survived by her husband, Tom, and children Susan, Tony, Carrie, Leslie, John (Lynne) and Liz.

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Please join the Jesuits in remembering the deceased and their families in your prayers.