

## Frs. William O. Madden, SJ, and George C. Maynard, SJ, Recognized Posthumously

Every time Fr. William O. Madden, SJ, received a phone call in the middle of the night requesting a baptism, an anointing or a blessing at Cook County Hospital, he quickly pulled himself out of bed and made the twenty minute trip to County Hospital.

On Tuesday, January 8, Fr. Madden, who died last November, was recognized as the 2001 Cook County Hospital Chaplain of the year. Madden family members and fellow chaplains attended a luncheon celebrating Fr. Madden's dedication to the hospital. Fr. John Pennington, SJ, chief of Catholic chaplains, said "Bill was able to find Christ in the poorest of the poor. He was very faithful to the needs of the people at the hospital."

Of his work at the hospital, Fr. Madden himself once said, "We minister to everyone at Cook County, not just the Catholics. Eighty to 90 percent of the patients are here because they can't afford to go anywhere else. Other hospitals can't take the poor like they used to. They can't afford to. There has to be a hospital for the poor and indigent, but that doesn't mean poor health care."

The chapel at the Cooper Drive VA Hospital in Lexington, KY, was recently named for Fr. George C. Maynard, SJ, who also died this past year. He began his Jesuit career as an associate pastor before developing an interest in clinical pastoral education, then taught for years at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, before moving to the VA hospitals.

Fr. Maynard once told a colleague he loved his work there so much he never wanted to retire. Fr. Walt Bado, SJ, superior of the Kentucky Jesuit Community, said "George was very faithful to his ministry and his gentle, down-to-earth approach made him accessible to all."

A mahogany bas-relief of Fr. Maynard is located at the entrance to the "Rev. George C. Maynard, SJ Memorial Chapel," ensuring that his long and appreciated ministries at the VA hospitals will not be forgotten. ■



Seated (L-R) Barbara Madden Rogers, Anne Madden Thomas, and Anne Madden, standing (L-R) Mrs. Robert Madden, Robert Madden, Bill Sakash, Karen Sakash Tully, John Pennington, SJ, Robert Madden Jr., Bob Finn, SJ, John Madden, and Jim Chambers, SJ. Robert Madden accepted the award on behalf of his twin brother.



Fr. Hank Kenny, SJ, and Dr. and Mrs. John Barton, close friends of Fr. Maynard, are pictured here next to the bas-relief of Fr. Maynard, now displayed outside the "Rev. George C. Maynard, SJ Memorial Chapel" at the VA Hospital in Lexington, KY.