



**Rev. John N. Felten, SJ**  
*October 10, 2004*  
*Colombiere Jesuit Community,*  
*Clarkston, MI*

**R**ev. John N. Felten, SJ, long-time Xavier University professor and dean who helped build the school's honors program, died Sunday, October 10, 2004, at Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI. Born in Chicago in 1918, Fr. Felten graduated from Loyola Academy and Loyola University Chicago before entering the Jesuit novitiate at Milford, OH, in 1940. He was ordained for priestly ministry on June 18, 1952, at West Baden College.

Fr. Felten spent the bulk of his career shaping the minds of young people as an instructor in Jesuit schools. He taught as a scholastic at University of Detroit High School. After three years of special studies at Oxford University, which culminated in an additional BA and MA, he was assigned to Xavier University. Over the next 30 years he served as instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and finally full professor of classics. But, according to Fr. William F. King, SJ, a retired Xavier theology professor, "his biggest contribution to Xavier was building the honors program." The program had been established by Fr. William P. Hetherington, SJ, but Fr. King says, "Fr. Felten saw the possibility of creating a men's honors residence in Marion Hall, much like an Oxford College. He assembled some very talented teachers. He taught in the program. He even spent part of every fall traveling to Jesuit high schools to recruit capable students for the program." From 1958 to 1967, Fr. Felten directed the Honor's Program. In 1967, he was appointed Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Xavier. He was, Fr. King says, a forceful teacher...who knew the classics well, very well, and maintained wonderful relationships with students."

In 1987 Fr. Felten retired from full-time teaching, but continued to serve in a number of capacities—he was a fundraiser, associate pastor, hospital chaplain, volunteer laundryman at a homeless shelter, and archivist at Xavier until moving to Colombiere Center in 2002. Fr. Felten had a notable gift for languages. He read Greek, Latin, German, and French and spoke all but Greek. ■



**Br. George A. Prickril, SJ**  
*December 27, 2004*  
*Colombiere Jesuit Community,*  
*Clarkston, MI*

**B**r. George A. Prickril, SJ, a Jesuit brother who "made thousands of beds in his lifetime" and served for God and others for more than 50 years, died on December 27, 2004, at Colombiere Jesuit Community in Clarkston, MI.

Born in Park Falls, WI, in 1924, George Prickril entered the Jesuit novitiate at Milford, OH, in 1953 after serving for two and a half years in the United States Air Force during Second World War and studying at St. John's University in Minnesota.

Br. Prickril spent his entire career as a Jesuit working quietly and faithfully in a variety of well-known Jesuit ministries, including Milford Retreat House, where he prepared rooms for thousands of retreatants, St. Ignatius College Prep, where he served as rectorian of the Jesuit community, and St. Xavier High School, where he worked in the kitchen and doubled as a custodian. In 1981 he was assigned to Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington, IL, where he "made beds" again until August, 1999, when he retired to Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI. Br. Bill Haas, SJ, who was a close friend of Br. Prickril said, "George was a good Jesuit. He worked hard. He was regular with his spiritual exercises. He liked people and cared about them. He was a good traveling companion. Those are the highlights of my recollections."

During his years at Colombiere, Br. Prickril remained active, continuing to serve as long as he was physically able. He helped distribute the mail at the sprawling facility and also helped prepare meals. He also continued to cheer for his beloved Green Bay Packers and "was asking about football scores until just a few days before he died," says Br. James E. Small, SJ. Br. Prickril was a soft spoken man whose work often went unnoticed. This didn't bother him at all, though, since he knew for whom he was working.

Br. Prickril is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Frances Martwick and Mrs. Mary (Phillip) Martwick, and one brother, Mr. Louis Prickril. ■

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**Rev. William Everett, SJ**  
October 13, 2004  
Loyola House, Nerima-Ku,  
Tokyo, Japan



**Rev. Stanley T. Wisniewski, SJ**  
January 27, 2005  
Colombiere Jesuit Community,  
Clarkston, MI

**R**ev. William Everett, SJ, who volunteered for the Jesuit Mission in Japan and eventually took the name Nobuo Koyama, died October 13, 2004. Fr. Everett, who was born in Parkersburg, WV, in 1921, entered the Jesuit novitiate at Milford, OH, in 1940 after studying for two years at Xavier University.

Soon after the Second World War ended, the Allied Occupation encouraged Christian missionaries to come to Japan. In 1947, Fr. Everett, at the time still a Jesuit scholastic, volunteered to go to Japan in response to a call for volunteers by the Jesuit superior general. He was one of five Jesuits from the Chicago Province who became part of a unique international mission serving the Japanese people. He completed two years of language studies in Japan during which Fr. Francis Mathy, SJ, says his “Xavier-like zeal to lead souls to Christ was already apparent in mastering the difficult Japanese language.” He was ordained for the priesthood in 1953 in Australia, where he completed his theology studies and tertianship.

He spent the better part of his career teaching. In 1958, after having taught high school for three years, he was assigned to Sophia University—a Jesuit school founded at the request of the Pope in 1913—where, for 28 years, he taught English and ethics, as well as introductory courses to Christianity and the Bible. He became a Japanese citizen and adopted the name Nobuo Koyama. His course “The Philosophy of Love” was one of the most popular at Sophia and the supplemental book, *Philosophy of Love*, was reprinted 41 times and sold well over 200,000 copies. After his long tenure at Sophia, Fr. Everett taught English at Seibo Joshi Gakuin in Kyoto and served as assistant pastor of St. Ignatius Church.

Fr. Hideyuki Koyama, SJ, a former student of Fr. Everett, offered the homily at his funeral Mass and said, “He had a truly pioneer spirit, a spirit informed by the Jesuit ideal of the magis.” ■

**R**ev. Stanley T. Wisniewski, SJ, long-time St. Ignatius College Prep teacher and dedicated pastor, died on January 27, 2005, at Colombiere Jesuit Community in Clarkston, MI. A native of Chicago, Fr. Wisniewski graduated from Loyola Academy in 1951 before entering the Jesuit Novitiate at Milford, OH. He was ordained for priestly ministry on June 14, 1964.

In 1966, Fr. Wisniewski was assigned to St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, where he taught English for 22 years. “He was a magnificent and solid English teacher,” says Fr. Allan F. Kirk, SJ, who entered the Jesuits with Fr. Wisniewski. “The students learned easily and very well from him. He had a great ear for listening and was always extremely patient.” In addition to his teaching duties, he moderated the Student Council and began the highly visible and successful “Walk for Ignatius” fundraiser that consisted of a 20-mile student walk along Chicago’s lakefront.

In 1988, Fr. Wisniewski was assigned to serve as an associate pastor at Our Lady of the Snows Parish in Reno, NV. He served in a number of parishes in Nevada until returning to Chicago in 1999 to serve at St. Stephen’s Shrine, a small parish located next to Cristo Rey Jesuit High School on the southwest side of Chicago. He served as rector there until he retired to Colombiere Center for health reasons.

Fr. Brian Paulson, SJ, current president of St. Ignatius, lived and taught with Fr. Wisniewski for three years before Stan was assigned to Nevada. “His unique sense of humor and ability to see the irony in life brightened up the days of his colleagues and students.

He is deeply beloved by many generations of alumni and friends of the school.” Fr. Wisniewski also served as an editor in the revision of *Correct Writing*, a textbook used nationally in Jesuit schools.

Fr. Wisniewski is survived by his sister, Susan Wisniewski Zurek and his brother Thomas Wisniewski. ■

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