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**Fr. Lawrence E. Isenecker, SJ**  
**June, 15, 2003**  
**Genesys Medical Center**  
**Grand Blanc, MI**

**R**ev. Lawrence E. Isenecker, SJ, 79, longtime professor of mathematics at Xavier University, and author of multiple textbooks died Sunday June 15, 2003, at Genesys Medical Center in Grand Blanc, MI. Though he was unable to attend, Fr. Isenecker was honored at the Chicago Province ordination on Friday June 14, 2003, on the occasion of his 60th anniversary as a Jesuit. He entered the Jesuits in 1943 and was ordained in 1957.

His principal appointments as a Jesuit included teaching math at Loyola Academy and Loyola University Chicago. In 1963, after completing his Ph.D. in mathematics at Catholic University, he became a professor of math at Xavier University in Cincinnati, where he taught for more than thirty years.

Fr. Paul J. Clifford, SJ, entered the Jesuit novitiate with Fr. Isenecker in 1943 and said, while Fr. Isenecker had many achievements, he'll be remembered chiefly as a "very kind, very gentle, and very patient man. He was obviously a talented mathematician, but he did a wonderful job working with the students in the undergraduate school." Fr. Clifford recalls that "Spike," as his Jesuit classmates called him, "was very sensitive to other people's feelings, and he delighted in reminding people of God's love for them."

Fr. Isenecker is survived by his sister Mrs. Mary Ann (Eugene) Mauch of Dayton, OH. Memorial gifts may be made to the Jesuit International Missions or Jesuit Partnership (2059 N. Sedgwick St. Chicago, IL 60614)

*You can find the full text of Fr. Isenecker's obituary and access to his guestbook at [www.jesuits-chi.org/tributes](http://www.jesuits-chi.org/tributes)* ■

## In Remembrance

**The Chicago Province** gratefully acknowledges the deceased donors listed below who remembered the Jesuits in their estate plans. Many Jesuit ministries and programs have benefited from their extraordinary generosity. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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## Mike Class Is New Socius



Michael Class, SJ

**F**r. Michael Class, SJ, has been appointed executive assistant, or socius, to Provincial Edward W. Schmidt, SJ. He will assume his new responsibilities in January, 2004. He's currently completing his work as associate dean of the graduate school at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

## Bill Verbryke Directs Formation



Bill Verbryke, SJ

**F**r. Bill Verbryke, SJ, has been appointed provincial assistant for formation. Fr. Verbryke also serves as director of novices at Loyola House, the Novitiate for the Detroit and Chicago Provinces. He replaces Fr. Rick McGurn, SJ, the outgoing provincial assistant for formation.

## Eric Knapp on Priestly Track



Eric Knapp, SJ

**E**ric Knapp, SJ, was ordained a deacon on October 11, 2003 at St. Peter's Church in Cambridge, MA. Eric, a student at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, MA, will spend the remainder of this year preparing for ordination to priestly ministry. Eric, who's also a highly competitive marathoner (his best time is 2:39), will also be on the track preparing for this year's Boston Marathon. Look for additional information about Eric in upcoming annual fund mailings from the Development Office.