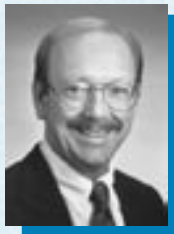


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## Joseph E. Peschel, SJ, 52

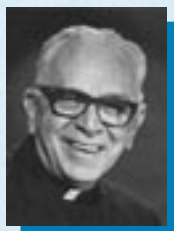
Fr. Peschel died suddenly from a heart attack related to diabetes while swimming at a YMCA pool in Blue Ash, Ohio. Swimming had been one of his lifelong hobbies. "He was definitely part fish or dolphin," recalls former Jesuit classmate Tom Zimmerman, who grew up with Fr. Peschel in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago. "Maybe he was like a duck, too. Joe could swim with half

 his body out of the water and then jump, so you can imagine how fast his feet must have been moving."

At the time of his death, Fr. Peschel was on staff at Milford Spiritual Center and was chaplain of the New Jerusalem Community in Winton Place. He was also superior of the Jesuit Community in Milford and of the Jesuits on the Kentucky mission. Fr. Peschel was a Gestalt therapist and an Emergency Medical Technician as well. "Everywhere Joe went he carried his EMT supplies," said Mr. Zimmerman. "He never drove by an accident scene without offering to be of service."

Fr. Peschel graduated from St. Barnabas grammar school and then St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago in 1963. After one year at Loyola University Chicago, he entered the Jesuit novitiate at Milford, Ohio. In 1970 he completed a bachelor's degree in biology at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Six years later, he received a master of divinity degree from the Gregorian University in Rome and was ordained later that same year. He earned a doctorate from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago in 1981.

Throughout his life, Fr. Peschel worked for social justice. From 1970 to 1973, he served on the International Movement for A Better World in Washington, DC. He was pastor of Christ in the Hills Mission in Lincoln County, West Virginia, from 1976 to 1983, and he also worked for the "Undoing of Racism" project, now based in New Orleans.



October 10, 1997  
Colombiere Jesuit  
Community  
Clarkston, Michigan

## Edward W. Burke, SJ, 82

Fr. Burke was a graduate of St. Aloysius and St. Xavier High School. He entered the Jesuit Order in 1933 and was ordained a priest in 1946. He earned a bachelor's degree in Latin from Loyola University Chicago, a master's degree in Latin from St. Louis University, and a doctorate in classics from Stanford University. He also studied philosophy and theology at West Baden College in West Baden, Indiana, where he received his S.T.L. degree.

He began teaching Latin, English, and electronics at St. Ignatius High School in Chicago. From there, he taught Latin, Greek, and a basic electricity course at the former Milford Novitiate in Milford, Ohio. He moved on to Xavier University where he taught Latin, Greek, and freshman English from 1964 to 1985. From 1990 through 1997 he resided at Faber Jesuit Community in Cincinnati before moving to Colombiere Center in May this year.

Sr. Judith Wessels, who works at Faber Jesuit Community, remembers, "Fr. Burke accepted his grow-

ing weakness so patiently. He had a marvelous sense of humor and was so intelligent. He even wrote a 350-page book, which he typed on his little manual typewriter upstairs. For someone who had had a stroke affecting one side of his body, that was big work."



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## Joseph V. Loftus, SJ, 88

A Chicago native, Fr. Loftus attended grammar school at Visitation parish and high school at Quigley Seminary and St. Ignatius College Prep. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1927 at the Jesuit novitiate in Florissant, Missouri. He held bachelor's, master's, and S.T.L. degrees from St. Louis University in Missouri.

After ordination in 1940, his first teaching assignments were in the philosophy departments at John Carroll University, Detroit University, and Xavier University. In 1954, he started work at Loyola University Chicago, where he was a full-time professor of philosophy until 1979 and professor emeritus until his retirement in 1985. He also acted as chaplain for the Loyola basketball team. After retirement he continued to be active in retreat and counseling work.

Fr. John Kinsella, SJ, former student and friend of Fr. Loftus says, "The thing that always impressed me about Fr. Loftus was his genuine care and concern for the people who were living on the edges of our society, such as the single parent, the newcomer to our country, and others who seemingly had no resources other than the helping hand of a true friend."

