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**Fr. Carl J. Moell, SJ**  
**November 19, 2006**  
**Cincinnati, OH**



**Fr. Thomas J. Diehl, SJ**  
**November 23, 2006**  
**Clarkston, MI**

**F**r. Carl J. Moell, SJ, former associate pastor at St. Xavier Church, author best known for his writings on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Jesuit priest died on Sunday, November 19, 2006, in Cincinnati.

A native of Wapakoneta, OH, he attended St. Joseph Grammar School and High School before entering the Jesuit novitiate in Milford, OH, in 1941.

During his Jesuit studies, he earned an A.B. in Latin from Loyola University Chicago in 1945, as well as a Ph.L. in philosophy (1947) and an S.T.L. in theology (1954), both from West Baden College. He then went to the Gregorian University in Rome where he earned his S.T.D. in 1959. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 17, 1953.

Fr. Moell's principal appointments as a Jesuit include teaching at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, IL, from 1947-1950 prior to his ordination, and then in 1957, after his ordination, teaching dogmatic and ascetical theology at St. Mary of the Lake, Chicago's archdiocesan seminary in Mundelein, IL. In 1967, he was assigned to teach philosophy at Milford novitiate in Milford, OH, before being asked to serve as province secretary in Oak Park, IL, in 1970.

He returned to Cincinnati two years later, and taught theology at Xavier University from 1972 to 1982. During his years at XU he also served as Co-Vicar for Religious for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati from 1972 to 1974. He was appointed rector of the St. Xavier High School Jesuit community from 1974-1977, and served as chair of the theology department at XU from 1978 to 1982.

In 1983, Fr. Moell was called to Rome to become assistant procurator at the Curia of the Society of Jesus. Fr. Moell left Rome in 1996, and returned to Cincinnati to serve as associate pastor at St. Xavier Church for a year and in 1997 became superior of the Jesuits in the Lexington Diocese. He returned to St. Xavier Church in 1999 as an associate pastor.

During his lifetime, Fr. Moell wrote, edited, and translated eight books.

Fr. Moell, who was one of fourteen children, is survived by his sisters, Mary Mahoney, Virginia Uppenkamp (Richard), and his brothers Robert, George, and Thomas. ■

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**F**r. Thomas J. Diehl, SJ, former pastor of St. Xavier Church, founder of The Jesuit Renewal Center (now known as The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford,) Cincinnati-area native and Jesuit priest died on Thursday November 23, 2006.

Fr. Diehl attended St. James grade school in Wyoming, OH and graduated from St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati in 1937. Shortly afterwards, he entered the Jesuits at the Milford Novitiate. In his studies as a Jesuit he earned an A.B. from Loyola University Chicago and an M.A. in English. He also received his Ph.L. in 1944, from West Baden College, IN and an S.T.L. in 1951. He also completed special studies at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati and The Institute of Spirituality and Worship at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, CA. Fr. Diehl was ordained on June 13, 1950, at West Baden, IN.

After ordination Fr. Diehl was appointed Regional Director of Apostleship of Prayer, in Chicago, a position he held until 1959, when he was appointed National Director of the Eucharistic Crusade. Eight years later he was missioned to serve as executive secretary to the Provincial of the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus. In 1973, Fr. Diehl, moved to Milford, OH, where he was the Director of the Jesuit Renewal Center and served as superior of the Milford Jesuit Community.

In 1980, Fr. Diehl was appointed pastor of St. Xavier Church in Cincinnati. During his time at St. Xavier he started many programs and initiatives to better serve the parishioners and the needy in the area. Some of these programs included a Business People's Mass on the second Friday of the month, a lunch break program during Advent and Lent for business people downtown, and Project 5000, a program that asked parishioners to fill boxes with requested food items for the needy. Fr. Gene Carmichael remembers, "I once asked Fr. Diehl if he could do anything in the province what would he want to do and he said he wanted to be pastor of St. Xavier Parish. It was his dream job."

After 16 years as pastor at St. Xavier Parish Fr. Diehl returned to the Milford Spiritual Center (now known as The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford) where he served as pastoral coordinator of conferences and retreats. In 2001, he was assigned to serve the Milford Jesuit Community in pastoral ministry. He was missioned to Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI in 2005.

Fr. Diehl is survived by a brother, John Diehl, and by his sisters, Mrs. Catherine Albers, Mrs. Rosalie Snider, Mrs. Judith Saba, and Mrs. Esther Tanner. ■