



Fr. Kevin Gallagher, SJ
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Cincinnati, Ohio

Fr. Kevin Gallagher, SJ, served as a Jesuit missionary in Peru for 44 years, working to establish schools for the urban and rural poor through Fe y Alegría (Faith and Joy). A Jesuit-founded organization, Fe y Alegría has built 70 high schools and many more grammar schools in Peru and serves more than 70,000 students throughout South America. Much of Fr. Gallagher's work involved preparing teachers academically and spiritually for their work in these schools.

As a modern missionary, Fr. Gallagher was sensitive to and respectful of Peruvian culture. In a 1985 interview, Fr. Gallagher explained, "When we open a school it may begin as nothing more than a reed hut, but over the years they're transformed into brick buildings," he summed up his approach, "We have to learn to blend in with Peruvian society, not try to change it, but to help them and grow with them."

Fr. Gallagher was born in Cincinnati, where he attended Holy Family Catholic School (1943) and St. Xavier High School (1947). According to high school friend Jim Ryan, Fr. Gallagher knew early on that he wanted to be a missionary to South America.

After graduating from Xavier University with a BA in philosophy, he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Milford, OH, in 1951. During his training he earned an MA in English from Loyola University Chicago in 1959 and an STL from West Baden College in Indiana in 1962. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1961.

Fr. Gallagher began his ministry in Peru as a religion teacher and vice principal for Colegio San José in Arequipa in 1964. He became the Jesuit major superior for the southern region of Peru in 1968. Then in 1973 he started his most lengthy ministry as educational advisor for Fe y Alegría in Lima.

"Kevin wanted to work with the poor," said colleague Fr. T. Mattingly Garr, SJ. "His true gift was as a reconciler. He was convinced that if you kept on talking, people would come together. Like Lima's famous St. Martin de Porres, he could get a cat, a dog, and a mouse to drink from the same bowl and enjoy it."

In 1997, Fr. Gallagher became president and rector at Lima's Colegio de la Inmaculada, a post he held until 2003, when he returned to Colegio San José in Arequipa as educational advisor to the rector and principal.

Cousin and friend Fr. Tom Kennealy, SJ, remembers: "His great love was for the Society of Jesus and Peru. He was one of the best conversationalists I've ever known and was a gifted listener. He gave his undivided attention. He heard what you said and understood what you meant." ■

Fr James Brichetto, SJ, has been described as a priest with "the common touch." Whether talking with truck drivers over breakfast or chatting with firemen at the firehouse, Fr. Brichetto had a "rough-and-ready" reputation. "His idea of church was being out and about with the people," said nephew Mike Davis. "He brought many people to the faith, and also brought many people back to the faith."

During his 18-year ministry as associate pastor at St. Francis Xavier Church in Cincinnati, he became chaplain to the Cincinnati Fire Department, helping those in crisis. Davis remembered: "It was nothing for him to be called out at 3 or 4 in the morning to be there for people in their moment of need."

Perhaps the greatest hour of need came in 1977 at the infamous Beverly Hills Supper Club Fire in Southgate, KY. Fr. Brichetto helped anoint many of the 165 victims killed that evening and comforted those who survived the tragedy.

Fr. Brichetto, a native of Cincinnati, attended St. Francis Xavier grade school and high school, graduating in 1949. That same year he entered the Jesuit novitiate in Milford, OH. During his Jesuit training, he earned an AB in Latin and an MA in sociology from Loyola University Chicago. He also studied philosophy and theology at West Baden, IN, where he was ordained to the priesthood in 1963.

Fr. Brichetto began as a teacher and coach at St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago from 1956 to 1959, while still in formation. After ordination, he returned to Chicago as an assistant pastor at Holy Family Catholic Church from 1964 to 1966, where he led the youth and men's club. He then returned to his hometown to teach at his alma mater, St. Xavier High School, until 1970, and led athletics there. In 1970, he became associate pastor of St. Xavier Church, where he served until 1988, conducting an active ministry to senior citizens.

For the next 12 years, Fr. Brichetto was administrator, pastor, and associate pastor for several parishes in need. From 1988 to 1993, he worked for two Ohio parishes: St. Michael in New Vienna and St. Benignus in Greenfield. Fr. Brichetto served as pastor at St. Joan of Arc in Indianapolis until 1995. Two Cincinnati parishes followed. Fr. Brichetto served at St. Antoninus until 1997 and then at St. Louis until 2000.

It was with reluctance that he followed the call to retirement at Colombiere Jesuit Community in Clarkston, MI, in 2001. That is where he spent his final years, always eager to "help out" and continue working. ■



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Clarkston, Michigan

Fr. Fred Bergewisch, SJ, was born in 1920, in Cincinnati, OH, where he attended grade school at St. Mary's and high school at St. Xavier High School. He attended both the University of Cincinnati and Berea College part time while also working in an FBI field office in Cincinnati before entering the United States Navy in 1943. He completed midshipman school at Cornell University and was sent to Japan, where he was in active duty as a Lieutenant Junior Grade until 1946.

"Fred was a leader in the military and was involved in heavy combat situations," explains Fr. Jim Chambers, SJ, a close friend and contemporary of Fr. Bergewisch. "He was always grateful to the Lord for surviving the War, and even though he was offered a permanent commission to the US Navy at the end of his service, he felt a calling to the priesthood and joined the Jesuits."

Fr. Bergewisch entered the Jesuits at the Milford Novitiate in September 1946. During his studies to become a Jesuit priest, he earned a BA in philosophy in 1950, a PhL (licentiate in philosophy) from St. Louis University in 1951, and an STL (licentiate in sacred theology) from West Baden College in 1956. He was ordained a priest on June 15, 1955, in West Baden, IN.

Following his ordination, he was assigned to Loyola Academy to serve as both treasurer and teacher. In 1959 he was assigned to Loyola University and taught theology for six years before becoming superior of the Jesuit scholastics there. From 1968 to 1971 he earned a doctoral degree at The Catholic University of America and then returned to Loyola University until 1980 when he was appointed a field advocate with the Chancery Marriage Tribunal. During this time he also directed a number of retreats in both Chicago and Cincinnati.

In 1989, at the age of 69, he volunteered to serve as a missionary and was reassigned to Arequipa, Peru, where he put into practice the ideal of living a 'preferential option for the poor.' When Fr. Bergewisch wasn't hearing confession or teaching in the seminary, he was directing others in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Fr. Bergewisch read and spoke both French and Spanish. He also contributed to the 1967 edition of the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*. In 2004, he moved to the Jesuit's retirement facility of Colombiere Center in Clarkston, MI, where he prayed for the Church and the world. ■

Fr. Paul Huber, SJ, was a legendary presence at St. Francis Xavier Church in downtown Cincinnati. For 53 years, Fr. Huber heard confessions, conducted Mass, and visited the sick as associate pastor, before retiring in 2005 at the age of 93.

An excellent listener, Fr. Huber was instrumental in building and continuing the reputation of the St. Francis Xavier Church confessional before the years of psychotherapy. "Parish ministry was his niche," said St. Francis Xavier Pastor Fr. Eric Knapp, SJ "He conducted a quality ministry to the homeless, outcasts, battered women, and prisoners. People felt loved in his presence. He was just a walking emissary of compassion."

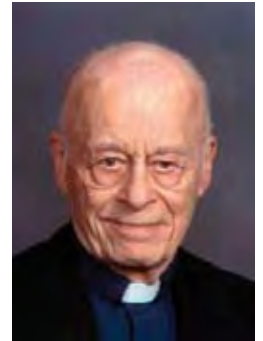
Parishioner Dave Thelen joined St. Francis Xavier Church in 1969 because of Fr. Huber's example of quiet humility. As their family priest, Fr. Huber lived long enough to baptize Thelen's grandchildren. "He was a part of our family and a very holy man," Thelen commented. "I have an urge to pray *to* him rather than *for* him."

A native of Bellevue, KY, Fr. Huber attended Sacred Heart grade school and St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati. After high school graduation, he was a student at Xavier University for one year before deciding to join the Jesuits. In 1931, he entered the Jesuits in Milford, OH.

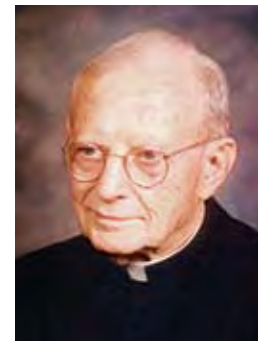
Fr. Huber earned a BA in 1936 and an MA in English in 1939, both at West Baden College, IN. Prior to his ordination, he taught at St. Xavier High School from 1939 to 1942. He was ordained a priest in 1945. Shortly after his ordination Fr. Huber was assigned to teach at University of Detroit High School. During this time, he also served at Holy Family Church and Cook County Hospital in Chicago. In 1951, he was assigned to St. Xavier Church in Cincinnati as associate pastor.

Fr. Joe Schell, SJ, who passed away April 25, 2008, at the age of 93, became friends with Fr. Huber when they joined the Jesuits in 1931, training side by side for the first seven years of their priestly formation. After many years in separate ministries, the two reunited at Colombiere Center in 2005 for their final mission, to pray for the Church and Society.

"Paul didn't like to be fussed over," said Fr. Schell. "One time we were at a special event and I tried to brush something off his mouth. He pushed my hand away and said, 'I'm not that far gone!' I'm sure he's in heaven now, brushing away the angels while they try to adjust his halo. If it were my choice I would canonize him. He was a saint." ■



Fr. Fred Bergewisch, SJ
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Fr. Paul Huber, SJ
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