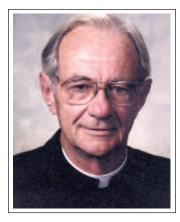
Fr. Justin Guiltnane, SCJ 1927-2009

Fr. Justin Guiltnane, SCJ, died February 7, 2009; he was 81.

Originally from Chicago, he was a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart since 1946. Fr. Justin did his theological studies at Sacred Heart Monastery and was ordained to the priesthood in 1953.

He served as province vocation director for several years before entering seminary administration. Fr. Guiltnane was a seminary rector before being named provincial superior of the U.S. Province in 1970. He served two, three-year terms.



Fr. Justin Guiltnane, SCJ

Following his final year as provincial, Fr. Guiltnane ministered at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary parish (now St. Martin of Tours) in Franklin, Wis., and then joined the staff at Sacred Heart School of Theology. Besides his duties at the seminary, Fr. Guiltnane spent many years as local superior of the SCJ community at Sacred Heart Monastery.

He was a rabid Notre Dame football fan and loved to work on his golf game whenever he had the opportunity.

Writing about his vocation, he noted that it was an SCJ seminarian who inspired him to consider the Priests of the Sacred Heart:

"When he furnished me with information about the founder of the congregation, Fr. Leo Dehon, about the spirituality, history and apostolate of the institute, everything seemed to connect and coincide with my own expectations. Even his hands-on experiences of seminary life with its hardships, demands, challenges, and discipline convinced me of my future path and calling to be a Priest of the Sacred Heart.

"With God's grace and inspirational instruments such as my mother and that seminarian, I discovered inner strength, confidence of purpose and surefootedness in the pursuit of my vocation as a religious priest of the Sacred Heart."