

North American Conference of Redemptorists

IN REMEMBRANCE: Fr. Richard Thiele, C.Ss.R

Fr. Richard William Thiele, a dedicated Redemptorist missionary who loved to venture into unchartered territory and served his entire Redemptorist life in the foreign missions, died on February 15 in Nigeria.

Born in Chicago on September 17, 1927, he professed temporary vows on August 2, 1949 and perpetual vows on September 2, 1952. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 29, 1954.

After second novitiate at Pine City, MN, newly ordained Fr. Richard set sail for Thailand in 1955.

He ministered in that country for 37 years, and eventually joined the Vice Province of Thailand.

Fr. Richard served as an itinerant preacher and in parish and retreat ministry, and was the first to reach out to minister to about 6,000 lepers and 35,000 refugees living in and near Khon Kaen in the 1970s.

Fr. Richard also influenced many Redemptorists during the dozen years he served in formation ministry.

Always willing to serve, Fr. Richard responded to a need in the formation program in Nigeria in 1992. He was welcomed as novice director, a position he held until 2007.

He continued as a spiritual director to the students at Redeemer House in Ibadan until his death.

May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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Deepest sympathy's to the friends and family of Richard Thiele C.Ss.R and to all confreres in Redemptorist Vice Province of Nigeria from everyone in C.Ss.R.

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