



**Fr. Jerome
Kucan, O.F.M.**

Pastor of St.
Jerome's, 1982-85

Born July 5, 1924.

Joined the
Franciscans in 1944.
Ordained a priest on
June 24, 1951.

Died Dec. 31, 2010.

May he rest in peace.

Join us at Father Jerome's wake on Jan. 5th
at St. Jerome's, 2823 S. Princeton Ave.,
from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., prayer service at 7 p.m.

The Funeral Mass will be Jan. 6th, Thursday,
at 10:30 a.m., at St. Jerome's Church.

Fr. Jerome was born John Kucan July 5, 1924 in Steelton, Pa., where he grew up. Following his priestly vocation, John went to St. Joseph's Seminary in Westmont, Ill., where he graduated from high school and junior college. He entered the Franciscan Order in 1944, receiving the religious name "Jerome." His preparation for the priesthood continued in Cleveland (philosophy) and in Teutopolis, Ill. (theology). Brother Jerome was ordained a priest on June 24, 1951.

Fr. Jerome served as an assistant pastor at St. Anthony's in Sharon, Pa. (1952-1954) and at St. Joseph's in Bethlehem, Pa. (1954-1961). He was pastor of his home parish of St. Mary's in Steelton for 11 years (1961-1972). In 1972, he was appointed as superior and director of spiritual activities at Our Lady of Peace Friary in Beaver Falls, Pa. In 1973, he began 4

years as pastor in Sharon, Pa. He spent a year as assistant pastor in Milwaukee at Sacred Heart, and in 1978 returned to lead the Beaver Falls friary. He returned to St. Mary's in Steelton in 1979 as pastor, serving until 1982, when he was appointed as pastor at St. Jerome's in Chicago. In 1985 he again was appointed assistant pastor at Sacred Heart in Milwaukee and one year later received his first of many terms as Guardian (the religious superior) of St. Anthony's Friary in Chicago. Then he was pastor at St. Augustine's in West Allis, Wis. (1988-1994) and at Sacred Heart in Chicago (1994-1995). From 1995 until 2004, he was Guardian of St. Anthony's Friary in Chicago.

Until his hospitalization 3 weeks before his death, he lived his retirement years actively at St. Anthony's. Fr. Jerry will be deeply missed by his Franciscan brothers.