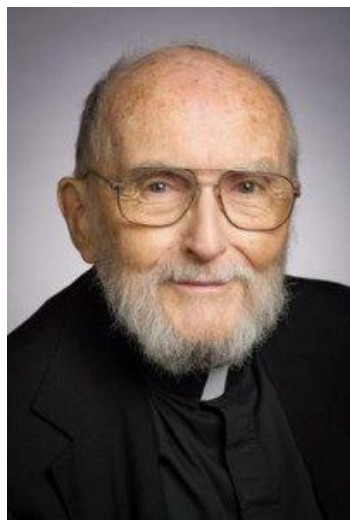


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Fr ROBERT DUNDON

1932 – 9 March 2016



Born in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Bob Dundon attended grade school and high school in Iron Mountain, Michigan. He then spent a year at the Michigan College of Mining and Technology in Houghton and another year at St. Lawrence College in Mount Calvary, Wisconsin. He entered the Society in Florissant, Missouri in 1952 and then spent a year teaching at Red Cloud Indian School, before his studies at St. Stanislaus Seminary and Saint Louis University. He earned a PhD in chemistry from Johns Hopkins U in Baltimore during his regency. He studied theology at Woodstock College in Maryland and was ordained a priest in 1969. Fr Arrupe received Bob's final vows in Lagos, 1977.

Fr. Dundon was a chemistry teacher and was always pastorally involved, primarily in Nigeria. He taught at Marquette U for several years and in 1973 began his long love affair with Africa, moving to Benin City, Nigeria, where he taught chemistry and served as a chaplain at the University of Benin for 16 years. He also taught chemistry at Makerere, Kampala, from 1990 to 1992, before returning to Nigeria for another five years as a university pastor in Benin City. From 1997 to 2003, he taught philosophy of science to young African Jesuits at Arrupe College in Harare. He then went as pastor to St. Benedict the Moor Parish in Omaha and served as a pastor in several Jesuit parishes in Nigeria from 2006 to 2014. Declining health led him to return to the Wisconsin Province in 2014, and he became a very active member of the St. Camillus Jesuit Community until his death.

Fr. Dundon was very much a missionary Jesuit, devoting most of his life to teaching and pastoral service in Africa. He reached out to those living with mental disabilities and supported the work of Faith House in Benin City, which is devoted to them. As a Jesuit scientist, he was concerned with relating Christian faith to the pressing issues raised by contemporary scientific research. He had wonderful insights and loved living and working with other Jesuits and growing close to the students he served in Africa. Fr. Dundon lived simply and dealt easily with a broad variety of people. He was a kind and gentle person. He died at St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He was 83 years old, a Jesuit for 63 years, and a priest for 46 years.