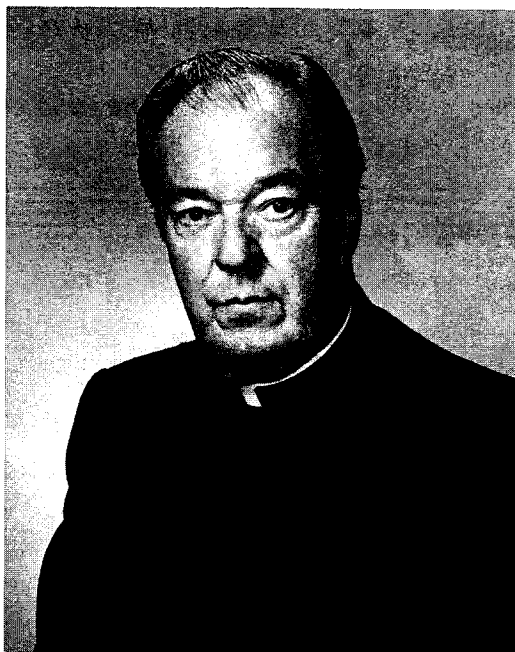


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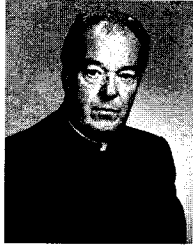
**Fr. Mark Mindrup
OFM Conventual**

March 11, 1913 – December 8, 2009



Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever hears my word
and believes in the one who sent me has eternal life
and will not come to condemnation
but has passed from death to life.

John 5: 24



Biography

Fr. Mark Mindrup, OFM Conv., was born on March 11, 1913 in Terre Haute, Indiana. He was baptized at St. Benedict Parish, Terre Haute, which was (and still is) under the care of the Conventual Franciscan Friars. In 1928, he entered the Minor Seminary at Mt. St. Francis, Indiana, where he graduated in 1932. He made his novitiate year in Angola, Indiana from 1932-1933, and professed his first vows on September 17, 1933. In 1936 he professed his solemn vows; he was ordained a priest on June 3, 1939 at Holy Rosary Cathedral, Toledo, Ohio. In 1942 he earned a License in Sacred Theology from The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC.

Prior to 1970, Fr. Mark served as a pastor, a preacher of parish missions, and a professor of Ethics and Moral Theology in the major seminary. From 1966-1970, Fr. Mark served as Vicar-Provincial for the Province of Our Lady of Consolation, Mount Saint Francis, Indiana.

In early 1970, Fr. Mark entered Guest House in Lake Orion, Michigan, a treatment center for alcoholic priests and religious. Following the completion of his program in May, 1970, Fr. Mark devoted the rest of his active ministry to serving those battling alcoholism and drug addiction. He earned numerous certificates and credentials in the area of alcohol and chemical dependency counseling from institutions such as Rutgers University, the University of Minnesota and the University of North Dakota. He moved to Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake, Minnesota in 1972 and remained there until 2001.

God, grant me the
Serenity
to accept the things
I cannot change,
Courage
to change the things
I can, and
Wisdom
to know the difference.

A gifted and dynamic speaker, Fr. Mark often gave retreats throughout the United States and Canada for people in recovery. He served as an advisor to many bishops and religious superiors on issues of chemical dependency and the clergy or religious. He developed a series of protocols to assist bishops and religious superiors in intervention, treatment and aftercare. He also served as the International Chaplain of the Calix Society from 1986 until 1994.

Fr. Mark loved his adopted home of Minnesota and the people of Minnesota loved him in return. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, and took great pleasure in the natural beauty of our state.

In 1993, Fr. Mark suffered a stroke which incapacitated his left side. After undergoing rehabilitation therapy Fr. Mark returned to his home at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake and remained there until 2001, when he moved to St. Gertrude's Health Center in Shakopee, where he received excellent care. He would often concelebrate with Fr. Howard at the Sunday Liturgy that Fr. Howard would celebrate for the residents of St. Gertrude's. He loved New Year's Day and his birthday, because it came so close to St. Patrick's Day. After suffering a second stroke on December 4, Sister Death came to take him home at 5:00 a.m. on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna (Deters) Mindrup; brothers Joseph and John Mindrup, and sisters Catherine Mindrup Scott and Rosa Mindrup. He is survived by nephews: Robert Scott, Memphis, TN; John Scott, Terre Haute, IN; Paul Scott, Oklahoma City, OK, Jerry Mindrup and Mark Mindrup, Leawood, KS, and a niece, Rosann Campbell of Rockville, IN.