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Dear Friend,

Fr. Bob Kunisch, C.P.P.S., always had a good head for business. When he was a kid growing up in Toledo in the 1930s, he painstakingly leaned over the pilot light of his family’s furnace to melt lead. He then poured the lead into molds to make toy soldiers, which he sold to his friends at school. “I didn’t make a fortune, but I always had enough spending money to buy my own candy,” he said.

God can put more than one thing into our minds at a time, so while he gave Fr. Bob the quick ability to add up his profits, he also put something else into Fr. Bob’s heart: the desire to become a priest. He and four classmates in his Catholic elementary school all wanted to study for the priesthood. And all five did: two eventually went to Notre Dame, one to the Diocese of Baltimore, and young Bob Kunisch enrolled at a minor seminary near Canton, Ohio, operated by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. It was called Brunnerdale.

He’d never heard of it before some promotional materials sent by the Missionaries arrived in his family’s mailbox. So why did he choose it? “The tuition was only \$100 a year,” he said. “It was something my dad could afford.”

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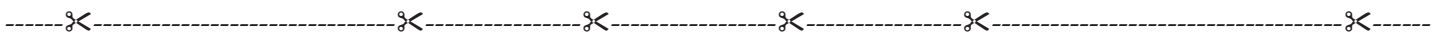
Our Congregation put that to good use, as we put Fr. Bob to work. After his ordination in 1956, he was sent to the University of Detroit, where he earned a degree in business. The provincial director at that time wanted to send him to St. Charles Seminary (now St. Charles Center) in Carthagena, Ohio, as its business manager. But Fr. Bob protested. “I was too wet behind the ears,” he said. “I said, ‘Let’s wait a year.’”



Fr. Bob Kunisch, C.P.P.S., holds his mission cross in the St. Charles infirmary chapel

Instead, he went as an associate pastor to St. Michael Parish in Kalida, Ohio, where he fell more deeply in love with the priesthood. “Life in the parish was great,” he said. “Serving the people as a priest—having Mass, hearing confessions, teaching the kids in the school.”

After two years, he did go to St. Charles and helped manage the renovation of its Assumption Chapel. He even helped the artist sort out tiles for the beautiful mosaic that graces the sanctuary; no detail was ever too small to escape Fr. Bob’s attention. At the same time, he served as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in nearby Montezuma, Ohio. “I enjoyed that very much,” he said. “I wanted to lead the people on the right path. If there were people who had wandered away, I tried to get them back to church again.”



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In his over 60 years as a priest, Fr. Bob also served as the treasurer of the Missionaries' Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Ind., and as manager at Messenger Press. In 1980, he became the director of our Sorrowful Mother Shrine near Bellevue, Ohio. He was in awe of the faith of the pilgrims who came to the shrine. He knew that the message of hope they received there would be carried back to their many parishes.

Fr. Bob is now 90, an age he says is "not much different than 89." In 2012, he retired to St. Charles Center, which is now our Community's retirement home. Until a few years ago, he was going out to help at local parishes, and wishes he still could. His health and mobility prevent that, and now Fr. Bob makes his home in St. Charles' infirmary.

The gifts that God gave Fr. Bob at birth are still in place. And he has one more thing: a grateful heart. "I want to say thank you to all the people who help support St. Charles," he said. "It's a good place to live, and they take such good care of us here. I'm very grateful to everybody who makes this possible."

Fr. Bob says he is especially grateful for the care he receives in St. Charles' infirmary, which has rooms for 30 priests and religious brothers who need help with their daily lives. There, those who were in active in ministry for many years have to accept that they now need the ministry of others, the caring nurses and aides who help them 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a blessing and comfort to know that they're receiving such quality care—we hope you'll agree, as it is what you would want for your own family members.

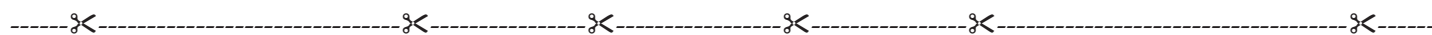
Fr. Bob helped the people of God in his good and practical way throughout his years of active ministry. Will you consider helping him, now that he is part of our ministry of prayer? He never wavered from his early vision of a life in the priesthood. He carried out every mission that the Congregation assigned to him in a skillful and steadfast way. Will you support him now, as he accepts the ministry of others?

Our retired priests and brothers said yes throughout their working lives to go where they were sent. They carried out their call in many ways, and continue to carry out that call far beyond what they ever pictured as young candidates for the religious life. We are asking you to help make their lives comfortable in retirement. And we ask you too, to join us in prayer that we all remain faithful to the call that God has placed in our hearts, using wisely and generously the gifts that God has given us.

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