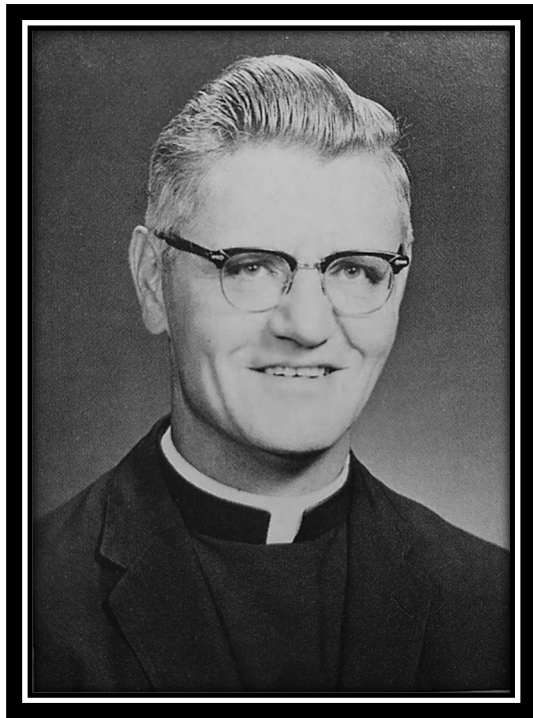




**REVEREND  
WILLIAM A. VOLK, C.P.P.S.**



**August 1, 1921 – May 26, 1998**

**Ordained May 18, 1950**

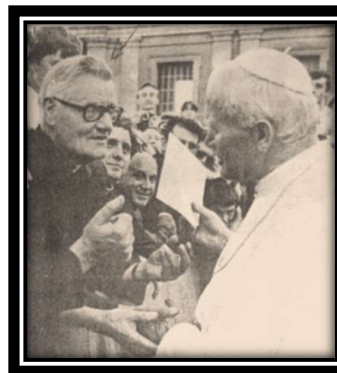
**FATHER WILLIAM ANTHONY VOLK, C.P.P.S.**

Father Volk was born August 1, 1921, in Jasper County, Illinois the son of William Ludwick and Sophia Mary (Dorn) Volk. He grew up with his siblings Annette (Weber), Urban, Delbert, Catheryn (Fehrenbacher), Cornelius “Neil”, Joseph, Odillo, Lucille (Dallmier) and Gilbert “Gib” in the Holy Cross Parish. The family also had three infant sons, Raymond, Clarence, and Albert that passed away.



Father Volk attended St. Joseph’s in Rensselaer, Indiana, and St. Charles Seminary in Carthagena, Ohio. He received a Bachelor of Music degree from the Gregorian Institute of American and the University of Montreal. He entered the Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.) on December 3, 1945. Rev. William A. Volk was ordained into the Holy Priesthood on May 18, 1950, by Most Rev. George Rehring, Auxiliary Bishop of Cincinnati, at the St. Charles Seminary.

Father Volk taught music and Latin at Brunnerdale Seminary in Canton, Ohio for 11 years. Beginning in 1961 he did his graduate work in sacred music and liturgy in Rome at the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music. Upon returning to the United States, he joined the faculty of St. Charles Seminary as a professor of liturgy, music, and homiletics until the seminary closed. He kept busy for the next few years in various music and liturgy-related task for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. He served as National President of the Catholic Music Educators Association for 5 years.



Beginning in 1971, Father Volk would serve for 24 years in various ministries for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood at their headquarters in Rome. From 1971 to 1983, he was a Vice-Moderator General and General Councilor in the General Curia, the administrative body for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Also serving as Secretary-General and Procurator for the General Curia. Father Volk continued to reside in Rome after 1983, working for the General Secretariat of the Union of Superiors General.

During the Summer of 1995, Father Volk returned to the United States to continue his service as a “senior member” and continued to work for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in his own way and in his own style.

Father Volk passed away on May 26, 1998. The funeral Mass was held at St. Charles Seminary with burial in the community cemetery.