

REV. JOHN D. GARVEY, S.J.
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The Canisius College community lost one of its kindest, gentlest and holiest Jesuits this spring. Rev. John D. Garvey, S.J., professor *emeritus* of religious studies and director of the



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archives, died on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, following a brief illness. He was 81.

A Jesuit priest for more than 50 years, Father Garvey was born in Buffalo and grew up close to Canisius College, in the Hamlin Park neighborhood. He belonged to St. Vincent de Paul Parish (now the college's Montante Cultural Center) and, while attending Canisius High School,

realized he wanted to serve God and the church just as his Jesuit teachers did.

"Father Garvey was first and foremost a priest – a very gentle and compassionate priest who deeply loved the church and the Society of Jesus," said Rev. Patrick J. Lynch, S.J., rector of the Jesuit community at Canisius and associate professor of religious studies.

Father Garvey spent his teaching years at Canisius in the Religious Studies Department where he specialized in philosophical theology. He wrote numerous scholarly papers and a book entitled *Why a Church Catholic?* which was published in 1988.

"Students who took Father Garvey's courses always found clarity in his presentation," recalled Rev. Benjamin Fiore, S.J., chair of the Religious Studies Department. "I was always sure when he taught Catholic Belief Today, it was Catholic belief, without question, from a thinker who knew the contemporary world."

Following his retirement from the classroom in 1990, Father Garvey spent one year as a visiting professor at the University of Scranton before becoming the director of archives at Canisius College, a position he held until his death.

Father Garvey will be fondly remembered by the Canisius family and former students, particularly for his three Bs – his bicycle, beret and his love of books. He is survived by one sister, Mary Garvey.

REV. EDMUND G. RYAN, S.J.
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Rev. Edmund G. Ryan, S.J., former executive vice president for academic affairs at Canisius College, died on January 26 at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles at the age of 72.

A top academic officer at Canisius during an era of enormous change (1977-1992), Father Ryan has been praised for enhancing the academic reputation of the college by securing the accreditation of programs; encouraging faculty research and excellence in teaching; and establishing an effective enrollment management system. He also initiated the expansion of Bouwhuis Library and the construction of the first townhouses for student residences.

Described once as being "blessed with a logician's mind, a philosopher's soul and a born leader's sense of mission," Father Ryan was, first and foremost,



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a Jesuit priest for more than 40 years. But he was also a leader in education. While in Buffalo, Father Ryan was active on the Diocesan School Board and the boards of Christ the King Seminary, Canisius High School and Nardin Academy. He also fostered assistance programs for teachers and counselors in the Buffalo schools and was a leader in establishing cooperative programs with other colleges and universities in the area.

A trustee of Fordham and Georgetown universities, Father Ryan held a number of honorary degrees, including one from Canisius. At the time of his death, he was special assistant to the president for mission and planning at Le Moyne College in Syracuse but Father Ryan frequently returned to Canisius to perform marriage ceremonies for couples in Christ the King Chapel.

Father Ryan is survived by a brother, Rev. Herbert J. Ryan, S.J.