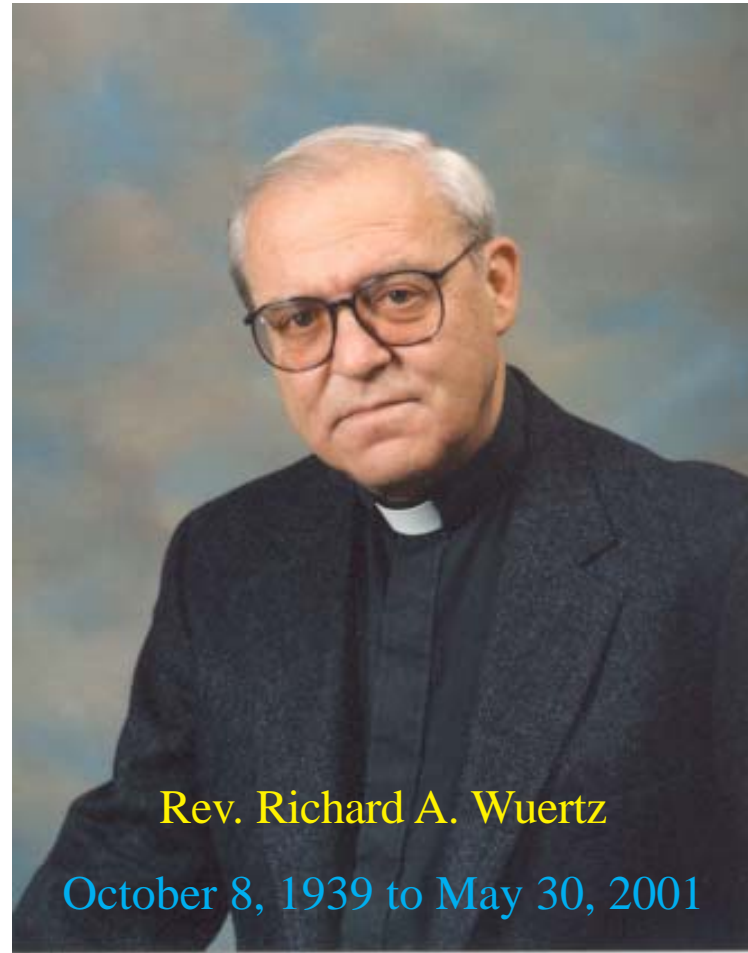


Death Does Not Deter Priest's Loving Gift

Even in death a beloved priest gave to his Catholic Community in Central Washington. Rev. Richard A. Wuertz died of heart disease on May 30, 2001, while pastor of Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Chelan, WA.

In his *Last Will and Testament*, he gave the *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* the "residue and remainder of the cash assets" of his estate after payment of all bills and bequests. His gift to CWCF totaled \$58,565.54.

He gave to three CWCF funds that benefited Saint Joseph in Kennewick, Christ the King in Richland and Seminarian education. **Saint Joseph Kennewick Education Fund** received \$11,713.11. Both the **Rev. Msgr. William J. Sweeney Educational Fund** for Christ the King Parish School
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Rev. Richard A. Wuertz

October 8, 1939 to May 30, 2001

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CWCF Gives Thanks for Blessings; Foundation Trustees Buy Dinner

By William Wangler, Jr.

As the 2003-2004 Board of Trustees Chairperson of the *Central Washington Catholic Foundation*, I ask you to become a part of our new Catholic Foundation. We are celebrating our first year as an independent nonprofit agency.

This year the Foundation and the *Diocese of Yakima* will have three joint Thank-You Dinners for major donors. But unlike in past years, no Foundation or Diocesan money will be spent on these dinners. The Foundation Trustees will personally pay for the celebrations. If you give money to the Foundation, you can rest assured that your money will be used wisely. This is also a way for the Trustees to show their commitment and gratitude to the community.



Past Chairperson Daniel C. Fortier and Chairperson William Wangler, Jr.

CWCF Da las Gracias por las Bendiciones; El Patronato de la Fundación Da Cenas

Por William Wangler, Jr.

Como Presidente de la Mesa Directiva 2003-2004 de la *Fundación Católica del Centro de Washington* (CWCF) les pido que se vuelvan una parte de nuestra nueva Fundación Católica. Estamos celebrando nuestro primer año como organización independiente no lucrativa.

Este año la Fundación y la *Diócesis de Yakima* tendrán mancomunadas tres Cenas de Agradecimiento a los donantes mayores. Pero a diferencia de años pasados, no se gastará dinero de la Fundación o de la Diócesis en estas cenas. El Patronato de la Fundación pagará personalmente por estas celebraciones. Si usted dona dinero a la Fundación, puede descansar seguro de que su dinero se usará de manera sabia. Esta también es una forma de que los miembros del Patronato muestren su compromiso y gratitud con la comunidad.

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Newest Member Weighs In

As the other Trustees met for the Annual Meeting on June 11, 2003, Henry O. Worden, III was with his wife Catherine as she gave birth. Their son, Francis Lyman Worden, weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 inches. The Worden's have two other boys, Owen (4) and Timmy (1½).



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Beloved Priest Gives \$58,565 to Foundation for Catholic Education

and the **Seminarian Education Fund** received \$23,426.22 each.

In his 33 years of priestly service, Father Wuertz was pastor of four parishes in the Diocese of Yakima. He was pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Kennewick, Saint Andrew's Parish in Ellensburg, Christ the King Parish in Richland, and Saint Francis de Sales Parish in Chelan. Please see the box below for the dates and locations of his ministry.

Ordained a priest for the *Diocese of Yakima* in 1968, he graduated from Yakima Senior High School in 1957, now Davis High School. Fr.

Wuertz graduated from Carroll College in Helena, Montana in 1963 and continued in graduate school in theology at Saint Thomas Seminary in Kenmore, WA.

During his priesthood he held a number of positions including Bishop's Consultor to Bishops Skylstad, George and Sevilla. He was a member and once chair of the Priests' Personnel Board and the Diocesan Priests' Council. He worked on the Diocesan Finance Board and the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal. At the Tribunal, he served as advocate, judge and defender of the bond of marriage. He also served on the National Federation of Priests Board.

The only child of Robert and Olive (Suverly) Wuertz, his family had been the people of the parishes he served and his brother priests.

Fr. Wuertz Labored in the Vineyard of the Lord

Below are the parishes Father Wuertz ministered in during his 33 year ministry for the Diocese of Yakima.

May 18, 1968	Ordination to Priesthood	Diocese of Yakima	Yakima, WA
1968 to 1970	Associate Pastor	Our Lady of Fatima Church	Moses Lake, WA
1970 to 1975	Associate Pastor	Saint Joseph Church	Kennewick, WA
1975 to 1976	Administrator	Saint Francis Cabrini Church	Benton City, WA
1976 to 1980	Pastor	Saint Joseph Church	Kennewick, WA
1980 to 1983	Pastor	Saint Andrew's Church	Ellensburg, WA
1983 to 1997	Pastor	Christ the King Church	Richland, WA
1997 to Death	Pastor	Saint Francis de Sales Church	Chelan, WA

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Investments Quarter Ending June 30, 2003

Education Funds		Parish Funds	
Amos & Elsie Gamache	\$ 127,422	Holy Family	\$ 172,229
Mary Ellen Chott-Mahre	27,724	Poulin Holy Family	122,655
Mark L. Kranz	23,143	Rosa, Lena, Louisa Orlando	155,190
Msgr. William J. Sweeney	841,397	St. Joseph Yakima	102,138
St. Joseph School, Kennewick	103,180	St. Paul Cathedral	53,126
St. Joseph School, Wenatchee	112,378		
St. Paul Cathedral School	145,452	Seminarian Funds	
St. Rose of Lima School	99,381	Bittner Burse	\$ 129,150
William A. & Mary M. Hambelton	26,446	Edmond & Blanche Poulin	125,152
CWCF Funds Under \$23,000	\$ 40,306	Thomas & Nancy Mahony	119,970
		Robert G. Geier	63,138
		Seminarian Education	38,017
Total Central Washington Catholic Foundation Funds		\$ 2,627,594	

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(May 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003)

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