Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, Retired Catholic Education Prefect

Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, retired prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education, died July 17. He was 80.

A close collaborator with St. John Paul II and Retired Pope Benedict XVI, the cardinal also spent almost 27 years working in the Apostolic Signature, the Church’s highest court.

In a condolence message, Pope Francis said he remembered “with gratitude” the cardinal’s long and dedicated service to the Vatican and the Church, particularly his tenure teaching canon law at Rome’s Pontifical Gregorian University and Lateran University.

In every role he had, Cardinal Grocholewski served with “priestly zeal, faithfulness to the Gospel and (for) the edification of the Church,” the pope wrote.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, vice dean of the College of Cardinals, celebrated Cardinal Grocholewski’s Funeral Mass July 18 in St. Peter’s Basilica, and Pope Francis presided over the conclusion of the service, known as the final commendation.

Born in Brodki, Poland, Cardinal Grocholewski was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. He spent more than 40 years working at the Vatican beginning with a post at the Apostolic Signature in 1972.

He was named secretary of the tribunal in 1982 and head of the court in 1998. The court functions mostly as an appeals court, hearing challenges to previous judgments made by marriage tribunals, Vatican congregations and local bishops.


Cardinal Grocholewski spent almost three decades at the Apostolic Signature before being named head of the education congregation in 1999, where he served under three popes until his retirement in 2015.

In 2015, Pope Francis asked him to join a new board of review within the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. The doctrinal team deals with appeals filed by clergy accused of abuse. —CNS

Sister Anne Marie Callahan, Missioner Was 85

Sister Anne Marie Callahan, M.M., who served as a missioner in Mexico and Guatemala, died July 30 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center in Ossining. She was 85.


Sister Anne Marie was assigned to Hawaii in 1967, teaching at Maryknoll High School in Honolulu. She also was chair of the math department, 1971-1973, and principal, 1974-1977.

Early in religious life, she taught at Mary Rogers College at the Maryknoll Sisters Center.

Born in Lowell, Mass., she entered the Maryknoll Sisters in 1955 and made final vows in 1964. She held a bachelor’s degree in education from Maryknoll Teachers College in Ossining, and a master’s in mathematics from Fordham University.

Her two brothers, Father John Callahan, M.M., and Dr. William Callahan, M.D., both predeceased her.

Burial was at the Maryknoll Sisters Cemetery. A Memorial service was offered Aug. 3 at the Maryknoll Sisters Center.

Brother Luke Baldwin, Served 25 Years in Guatemala

Brother Luke R. Baldwin, M.M., who served in Guatemala for 25 years, died July 26 in the Assisted Living Center at Maryknoll in Ossining. He was 90.

Brother Baldwin was in Guatemala, 1964-1989. He also served in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Illinois, Texas, California, Bolivia, Honduras and El Salvador.

Born in Mount Rainier, Md., he served in the U.S. Navy for three years during World War II before entering Maryknoll in 1948 and taking final vows in 1953.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated July 30 in Queen of Apostles Chapel at Maryknoll Society Center, Ossining. Burial was in Maryknoll Society Cemetery.

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when I hold it, I feel awe, mindful of the treasures tucked within.

Wouldn’t it be silly to practice Catholicism and miss out on this excellent guide? Wouldn’t it be ungrateful—irresponsible even—to inherit this faith but pass it up before reading its handbook?

To be a good steward—of land or of faith—is to do your home-work, to get to know something well. That knowledge paves the way to gratitude and caretaking. And so just as I study the island this summer, cedar by cedar, I’ll be turning over the Catechism, stone by stone.

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