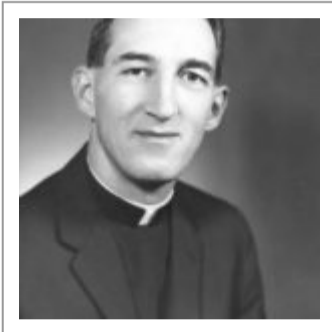


# Rev. William Henry Mertes

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**Born:** April 13, 1921

**Parents:**

John Joseph Mertes  
Barbara Gertrude Udelhofen Mertes

**Education:**

**Elementary** – St. Jerome School, Chicago, IL  
**Secondary** – Quigley Preparatory School, Chicago, IL  
Sullivan High School, Chicago, IL  
**College** – Wright Junior College, Chicago, IL  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
**Philosophy** – St. Mary College, St. Mary, KY  
**Theology** – Gregorian University, Rome, Italy

**Ordination:**

December 20, 1959 by Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor at North American College, Rome, Italy

**Assignments:**

1960 – Faculty, Lexington Catholic High School, Lexington, KY  
Assistant, Christ the King Church, Lexington, KY  
1965 – Assistant, Holy Cross Church, Latonia, KY  
1968 – Faculty, Holy Cross High School, Latonia, KY  
1968 – Associate, Mother of God Church, Covington, KY  
1971- Administrator, Mother of God Church, Covington, KY  
1973 – Pastor, Mother of God Church, Covington, KY  
1981 – Chaplain, St. Anne Convent, Melbourne, KY  
1981 – Director, Catholic Social Services, Covington, KY  
1986 – Board of Directors, Eastside Neighborhood Development Corporation, Covington, KY  
1986 – Retirement

**Died:** Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at St. Charles Nursing Home

**Interment:** Monday, April 28, St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL

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1947 that congregation relocated to a prefabricated building on the current grounds between Providence and Colony roads. In 1951 Christ the King School opened its doors to students. By 1967 the parish had grown to about 800 families and the school had 625 students enrolled. This was also the year that the new church and rectory were dedicated. In 1988, as directed by Pope John Paul II, the Diocese of Lexington was formed and Christ the King became the Cathedral for the 50 counties in the diocese. This May we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the dedication of building in 1967!

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