

## Assignments

- 1951-53 St. Joseph Novitiate, Godfrey, IL  
1953-57 King's House of Retreats, Buffalo, MN  
1957-61 St. Michael's Parish, Northome, MN;  
Effie Mission, Bigfork, MN.  
1961-63 King's House of Retreats, Henry, IL  
1963-64 Holy Cross parish, Orr, MN  
1964-66 Immaculate Conception parish, Nett  
Lake, MN  
1966-68 Tekakwitha Children's Home, Sisseton,  
SD  
1968-69 St. Michael's parish, Northome, MN  
1969-69 St. Michael's community, St. Louis, MO  
1969-82 St. Michael's parish, Squaw Lake, MN  
1982-86 St. Ann's parish, Naytahwaush, MN  
1986-87 Sabbatical, Sancta Barbara, CA  
1987-88 St. William parish, Gainsville, MO  
1988-91 St. Henry's Oblate Residence,  
Belleville, IL  
1991-92 St. Patrick parish, Calipatria, CA  
1992-2009 St. Henry's, Belleville, IL

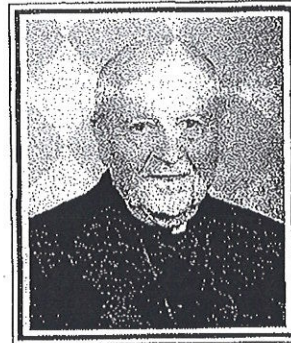
*We commend our brother, Vince, to you,  
Lord. Now that he has passed from this  
life, may he live on in your presence. In  
your mercy and love, forgive whatever  
sins he may have committed through  
human weakness. As your servant, may  
he rejoice forever in the vision of the  
mysteries in which he shared here on  
earth. We ask this through Christ our  
Lord. Amen*

## Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



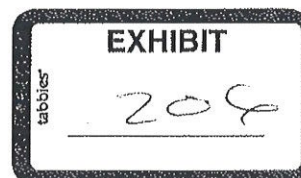
### United States Province

*In Memoriam*



Fr. J. Vincent Fitzgerald, OMI

Born: Dec. 8, 1919  
First Vows: Feb. 2, 1945  
Perpetual Vows: Feb. 2, 1948  
Ordained: May 27, 1950  
Died: Sept. 27, 2009



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**Fr. J. Vincent Fitzgerald, OMI, 89**, died on Sept. 27, 2009 at the Dammert Center, Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Belleville, IL.

The fifth of ten children born to EF and Catherine (Lane) Fitzgerald in Troy Grove, IL on Dec. 8, 1919, Fr. Vince attended Troy Grove elementary and high schools, graduating from Mendota Township High School in 1937. Although he wished to enter the seminary, he delayed doing so to enable his younger siblings to attend a parochial school. He worked at a printing plant and in the family construction, garage and trucking business.

In 1941, he did his junior college studies at St. Henry's Preparatory Seminary in Belleville, IL. From there, he went to the Oblate novitiate in Mission, TX, where he made his first vows in 1945. His philosophy and theology classes were at DeMazenod Scholasticate, San Antonio, TX. He was ordained priest by Bishop Albert Zuroweste at the Cathedral in Belleville, IL.

His first assignment was as director of St. Joseph's novitiate for Oblate Brothers. He then became treasurer of King's House of Retreats in Buffalo, MN. Except for a period in early 1960 when he built and served as first director of King's House of Retreats, Henry,

IL, most of his ministry was with Native Americans in Minnesota and South Dakota.

From 1987-89 he was pastor of St. William's Church in Gainesville, MO. His remaining years, interrupted by a year at St. Patrick's parish in Calipatria CA, were spent in retirement at St. Henry's Oblate Residence in Belleville, IL.

He is survived by three sisters and a brother.

The Mass of Christian Burial was at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Church, with the burial at St. Henry's Oblate Cemetery.



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