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Birth: June 15, 1920

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Our brother Michael Kane was born in Oconto, Wisconsin, in 1920. After graduating from St. Norbert High and a year at the college, he joined the Order in 1941 and was solemnly professed in 1946.

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“Uncle Mike” as he was known by his confreres, had a colorful and varied ministry in the Church. He was a teacher at St. Norbert High, Archmere and Central Catholic; he did parish work at Old St. Joe’s in DePere, St. Joe’s in Madison, St. Francis in Valier and St. Margaret Mary in Cut Bank, Montana; he was chaplain at Nazareth Hospital in Philly and chaplain at the Ringling Convent in Baraboo, Wisconsin. After 5-fold by-pass heart surgery, he continued to minister to the elderly in nursing homes in Green Bay.

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Frequently seen cruising around in his big 4-door Lincoln Continental, with trunk ‘loaded to the gills’ with everything for any eventuality, Mike endeared himself to everyone he met with the odor of Jean Naté. He was a gracious, kind and gentle confessor, and a great storyteller of his many escapades and assignments.

Returning to the abbey from visiting priest friends in Baraboo on a cold, icy winter day in 1997, “Uncle Mike” was killed in a fiery car crash at the age of 68. It was on that same date – January 27th – fifty years earlier in 1947, that he had been a passenger in the car of Fraters Walter Ziegler and Thomas Filbrand which crashed killing both Fraters Ziegler and Filbrand.

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