

The Daily Journal salutes

# Fred A. Schmitt

*St. Rose of Lima*



The Rev. Fred A. Schmitt, 58, traveled all over the United States, Europe and Asia before settling down as a priest and an educator in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He's now the priest in charge at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Franklin and academic dean at Cathedral High School in Indianapolis.

After receiving a bachelor's in sociology at St. Meinrad College in southern Indiana and a master's in history at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., Schmitt got a doctorate in philosophy and education at the University of London. But the New Albany native has also done graduate work at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, West Germany, as well as at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Loyola and DePaul universities in Chicago, Georgetown University in Washington, the University of California at Los Angeles and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

But his travels didn't stop there. He joined the Army after college in 1950 and was stationed in Germany and Korea until 1955. After that, he joined the Army Reserves until he was ordained in 1959. Then Schmitt served in the Navy Reserves until 1965, working summers in Quantico, Va., and Camp LaJeune, N.C., as a chaplain.

And Schmitt keeps on traveling. Each year since the 1960s he's taken high school groups to Europe. This year he and about 25 Cathedral High School students will tour Germany and Austria during Christmas vacation.