



### FR. ALOYSIUS

- 1926-2010
- Born: Dec 26, 1926
- Entered Zirc in 1948
- Ordained: 1953
- Moved to Our Lady of Dallas: 1955
- Died: Dec 17, 2010

Fr. Aloysius János Kimecz was born in Hejőbába, Hungary on Dec. 26, 1926. After graduating from high school, he began studies in the Teacher's College of Eger, Hungary, but was soon drafted by the Hungarian Army to serve in the Second World War. He was sent to Germany. He first became a POW under the French and, later, the Americans.

After the war he entered the Cistercian Abbey of Zirc in Hungary and finished the novitiate in 1948. When the Communist government announced the suppression of the monastery in 1950, Aloysius joined a group of young Cistercians who escaped from Hungary by crossing the Iron Curtain to the West.

After a brief stay for studies in Rome, he immigrated to the United States. He continued his studies at Marquette University in Milwaukee, then in Puerto Rico, and finished his education at Southern Methodist University, where he obtained his Master's Degree in Spanish. Aloysius was ordained a priest on June 23, 1953 at the Cistercian Abbey of Spring Bank Abbey in Wisconsin.

During his lifetime Aloysius worked in various capacities in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. After teaching at both Our Lady of Victory High School in Ft. Worth and St. Edward High School in Dallas, he served on the first faculty of Cistercian Preparatory School when it opened in 1962. He was novice master in the Cistercian Abbey from 1965-68. In the Prep School he was Form Master for classes '79 and '87.

An excellent teacher, form master and friend, in his last years he became particularly grateful for the support and services he received from the new generation of Cistercian monks in the Abbey, promoting their love for learning and loyalty to the Monastery. He is remembered for the joy he found in seeing again young vocations gather in the monastery and for his renewed strength with which he carried his many illnesses during the last several years of his life.