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Father George H. Ratermann, M.M.

Father George H. Ratermann, M.M., a missioner to Guatemala and Venezuela, died Aug. 23 at St. Teresa's Residence in Ossining. He was 90.

Assigned to the Maryknoll Mission in Guatemala in 1947, he worked among the Mayan people in the village of San Miguel Acatan. He returned to the United States in 1955 to teach at the Maryknoll Minor Seminary in Clarks Summit, Pa.

In 1967 he was assigned to Venezuela, where he served in a parish in Caracas. He returned once again to the United States in 1972 to serve at parishes in Colorado during the 1970s and 1980s, working with recent immigrants from Mexico. He later served in the Maryknoll Development Department in Cleveland, Ohio, 1990-1999, before retiring to Ossining in 2000.

Born in St. Louis, Mo., he entered Maryknoll in 1938 and was ordained in 1947. He held a master's degree in Latin from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

He is survived by a brother, Father David Ratermann, of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, who is serving in La Paz, Bolivia, and two sisters, Sister Joan Ratermann, M.M., and Betty Coonan.

A Funeral Mass was offered Aug. 26 in Queen of Apostles Chapel at the Maryknoll Center in Ossining. Burial followed there in the Maryknoll Society Cemetery.

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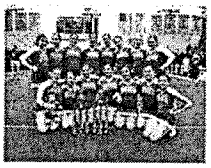

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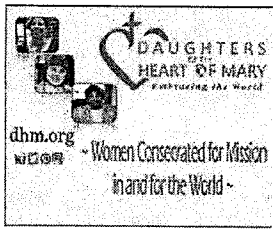

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