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Rev. RICHARD J. HAUSER, S.J.

June 22, 1937 ~ April 3, 2018

VIGIL SERVICE

Sunday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Monday, April 9, 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY, OMAHA NE

# Wake

Presider: Fr. Timothy Lannon, S.J.

## Welcome and Opening Prayer

1st Reading: Eph 3:14-21

Mark Walsh

Response: Psalm 27

In the shad - ow of your wings, ————  
 — I will sing Your prais - es, O Lord.

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Gospel: Luke 12: 35-40

## Homily

Fr. Tim Lannon, SJ.

Prayers of Intercession [Litany]

The Lord's Prayer

Remembrance of Fr. Dick Hauser, S.J.

Fr. Tom Neitzke, S.J.

*Fr. Neitzke will ask the community for remembrances.*

## Concluding Rite, Blessing & Greeting of Peace

*During the visitation before the wake service,  
Fr. Hauser's favorite Gregorian chants will be heard.*

# Mass of the Resurrection

Presider: Fr. Greg O'Meara, S.J.

Opening Song

#770 COME TO THE WATER

*Greeting of the Body of Fr. Dick Hauser, S.J. & Placing of the Pall by His Family*

## Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament: Isaiah 25: 6, 7-10

Jim Hougas

Response: Psalm 63: 2-9

#157 MY SOUL THIRSTS

Scripture: Romans 8:14-23

Joe Coleman

Gospel: John 10:1-5, 11

Fr. Daniel Hendrickson, S.J.

Homilist:

Fr. Don Doll, S.J.

Prayers of the Faithful

Christian Spirituality Faculty

Offertory Song:

#606 ON EAGLE'S WINGS

Presentation of Gifts:

Fr. Hauser's Family

*Ted & Mary Jo Nakashima, Dan & Ann Diliberti, Joe & Jeanne Hauser*

## Eucharist Prayer

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY #96 MASS OF RENEWAL  
 ACCLAMATION OF FAITH #97 MASS OF RENEWAL  
 DOXOLOGY AND AMEN #100 MASS OF RENEWAL

Communion Songs

#493 I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE  
 #559 EARTH VESSELS

AVE MARIA Nikki Boulay

Words of Remembrance

Joe Hauser

Invitation to Prayer (*incense*)

Fr. Tom Neitzke, S.J.

Concelebrants bid their brother farewell singing *a capella*,

TAKE & RECEIVE

Final Commendation

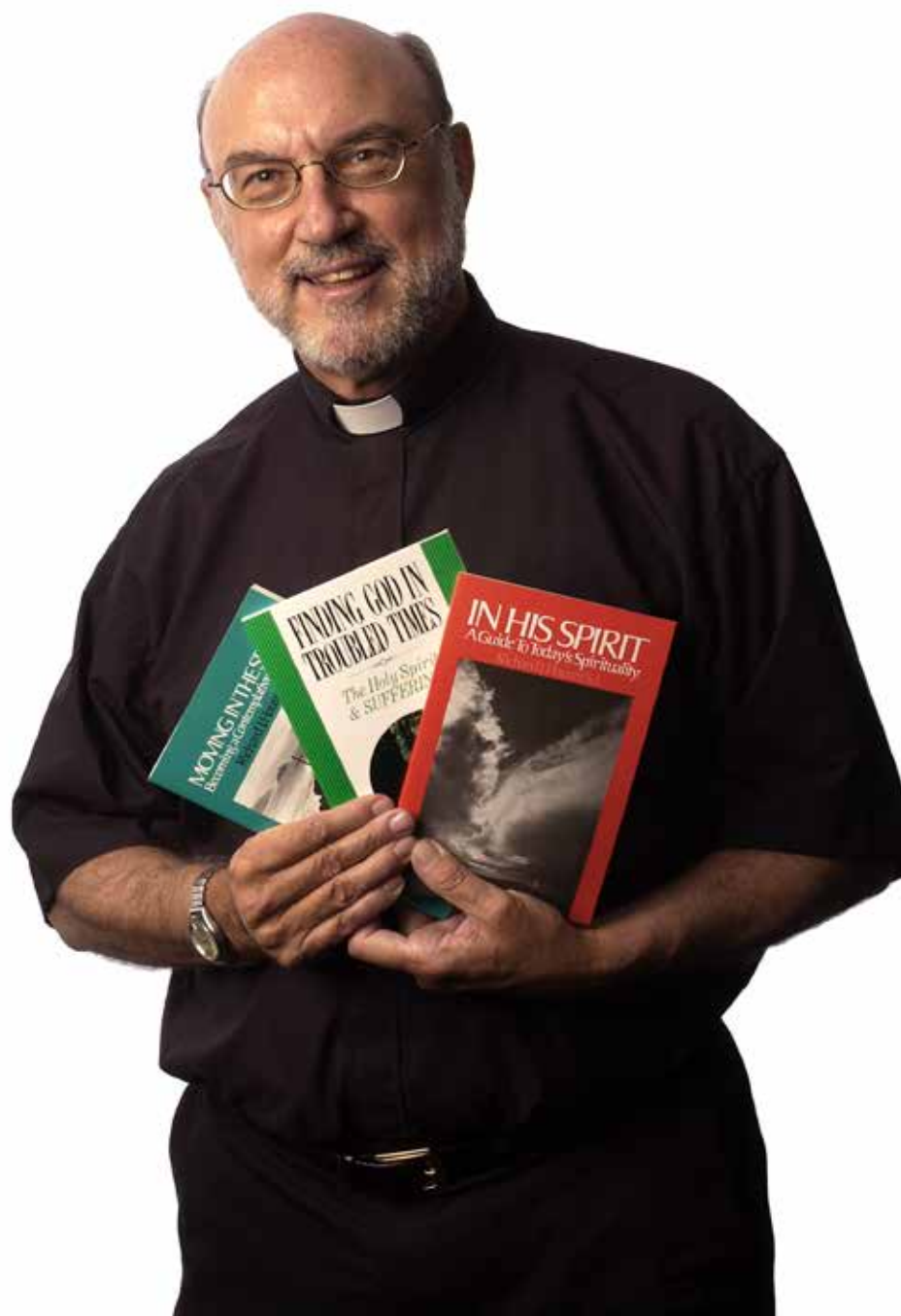
Fr. Tom Neitzke, S.J.

Sending Forth

#428 SONGS OF THE ANGELS

*Pallbearers: Creighton Faculty Members*

*Following Mass, all are invited to a lunch in the Skutt Student Center.*



## Reflecting on Writing, Teaching and the Holy Spirit

Years ago, someone asked what I wanted on my tombstone. I replied: “He helped us recognize God’s presence in our lives.” I was surprised how quickly I responded. But looking back my response makes great sense - and explains the origin of *In His Spirit*.

In the early seventies I began teaching college theology. The department chair asked me to prepare a beginning course in theology. What could I contribute to help students better understand their faith, and perhaps even cherish it?

I decided to teach a course centered on helping students recognize this life and called the course, “Faith and Experience.” Students discovered that God was actually present in their lives, though they had never explicitly averted to it. The course was well received.

After Vatican Council II, I became familiar with the theology of the Spirit enshrined in its documents. I was excited by this new dimension of theology especially as it applied to ordinary Christians. But during my studies I did not fully work out the implications of the indwelling of the Spirit for personal experience. This changed as I began teaching.

I decided to share my theological insights and growing recognition of the Spirit’s presence. Each unit of my course contained a reflection on the Holy Spirit’s presence.

Finally, after fifteen years of Jesuit formation and several graduate degrees in theology, I was realizing the implications of the Christian belief in the Holy Spirit as “Lord and Giver of Life” – as Sanctifier! As I recognized this presence in my life, students recognized the Spirit in theirs.

The excitement spilled over from my classes into my writing. I began writing about the Holy Spirit. I wrote with considerable enthusiasm about the Spirit’s role in Christians. I wanted to share this exciting, but mostly overlooked, dimension of the Christian Life.

And so, this book. On sabbatical in Rome in 1980, I integrated several previously written articles into a book: *In His Spirit: a Guide to Today's Spirituality*, published in 1982.

In December of that year I had one of the great surprises of my life. While reading the ‘best books of the year’ section in *Commonweal Magazine*, I came across a list of three “especially helpful spiritual books of 1982” selected by Abbot Thomas Keating. There, listed with two books by well-known authors Raimundo Pannikar and Gerard May, was my book, *In His Spirit: A Guide to Today's Spirituality*.

I pray that reading *In His Spirit* will be as much a blessing for the reader as writing it was for me.

**Richard J. Hauser, S.J.**



### *Helping Others Recognize God's Presence in their Lives*

In the spring of 1975, the Rev. Richard Hauser, S.J., was approached about taking on one of the daily Masses at St. John's Church. Then in the Department of Theology, he said yes, but he had a slightly different vision for the Mass he would like to celebrate. He asked if he could experiment with a Sunday evening, student-run, candlelight Mass, just to see if anyone was interested.

"The kids loved being in darkness," Fr. Hauser recalled in 2012. "They could pray un-self-consciously. It just prompted growing more deeply into their own hearts."

As the Mass grew in popularity among Creighton students, Fr. Hauser got a letter from the chancellor of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Fr. Hauser was sure the note was a request that the Mass, which some in the Omaha Roman Catholic community had puzzled over, be shut down. But the chancellor, who attended the candlelight worship one evening, had other ideas.

"He told me, 'You had several hundred students there,'" Fr. Hauser said. "I saw quiet, prayerful people being fully engaged in the Mass. I want to encourage you to keep doing that."

Born June 22, 1937, to Joseph and Dorothy Hauser, in Milwaukee, he entered the Society of Jesus in 1955 and professed first vows in 1957. He graduated from Saint Louis University in 1961 and spent the next years teaching English and religion at Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, followed by a year earning a master's degree in history at SLU, then another year teaching at the St. Francis Mission in South Dakota. He was ordained a priest June 4, 1968.

Fellow Creighton Jesuit the Rev. Don Doll, S.J. and Fr. Hauser marked many milestones together on their academic, spiritual and priestly journeys. Both Milwaukee natives, the two both attended Marquette University High School and were ordained together. They began their friendship in earnest in 1965 when both were teaching at the St. Francis Mission's school on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.



"Dick would always tell me that the St. Francis Mission is where he learned to pray," Fr. Doll recalled. That set in motion much of what he would write and talk and give retreats about over the next 50-plus years.

Fr. Hauser first arrived at Creighton as a professor in the Department of Theology after earning his doctorate in religion and religious education in 1973 from the Catholic University of America. From his earliest days on campus, Fr. Hauser was a source of spiritual inspiration to Creighton students as he lived out his fundamental calling, to help all people recognize God's presence in their lives.





*For years Dick joined his brother Joe, Jeanne & friends around the piano for Christmas carols, as he did with his family growing up in Milwaukee when he played the piano.*



*And for years Dick loved celebrating Christmas Mass at Dave & the late Joan Haberman's home for the Creighton Campus Ministry group.*



“Fr. Hauser was a great example of apostolic zeal and a true source of encouragement to me as a younger Jesuit,” said Creighton President the Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, S.J., “To many alums and friends of the University, Fr. Hauser is the face of the Creighton Jesuits, ever-present in classrooms, conference rooms and Creighton events.



*The Campus Ministry group composed of faculty and their wives or husbands met a few times a semester, even for an occasional camping trip to Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota.*

His impact on faculty and staff, in particular, demonstrated an authentic inclusion of these colleagues and friends in the mission and identity of Jesuit higher learning. I will miss his warmth, passion, determination, and playfulness.”

Fr. Hauser's work with young Jesuits and men considering joining the Society led him to hold monthly meetings with Creighton students discerning such a call.

“He was a mentor to so many,” Fr. Doll said. “More men have joined the Society from Creighton than from any other institution in the country and that is a testament to Fr. Hauser.”

In 1990, Fr. Hauser founded Creighton's master's degree programs in ministry and theology, serving as the program director until 2002. He also served as director of the master's degree program in Christian spirituality since 1993. He was rector of the Creighton Jesuit community between 2001 and 2007.

Author of three books, Fr. Hauser explored a theology of the Holy Spirit for living a spirit-filled life in contemporary times. He also wrote articles, book chapters and book reviews in dozens of scholarly journals and periodicals.

His work stressed the daily, ever-present love, mercy and grace of God, and ways the Holy Spirit moves within us to recognize and do God's will. His sense of humor was a prized source of levity and comfort, both among his brother Jesuits and the campus at large.



*Dick enjoyed gathering with his Ignatius House brothers.*

“I will miss the bantering back and forth, the quick jokes he always had,” remembered close friend and former Creighton President the Rev. Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., BS’73. “He could put you at ease with a smile.”

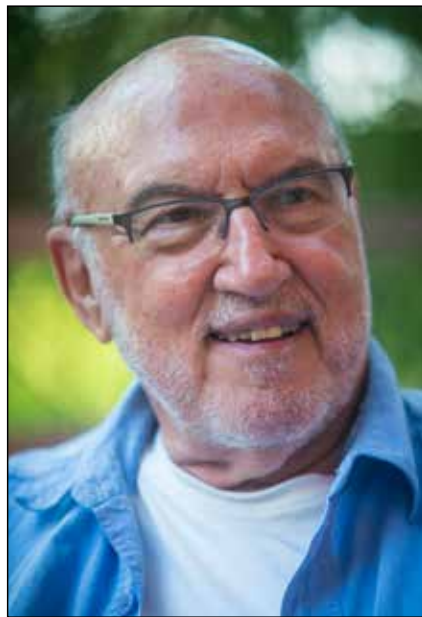
The gentle and insightful nature of his ministry, found most glowingly in the candlelight Mass that stands testament to his spirit, will not soon be extinguished.

“He did dialogue homilies in that Mass,” Fr. Doll said. “He would ask a question and most of the time, it was the question: ‘How does this piece of Scripture fit into your life?’ And the students responded to that in wonderful ways. That’s what Dick did with his own life. He was always asking himself those same questions. He was always reflecting.”

Fr. Hauser was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Dorothy, and two younger sisters, Jane Hauser and Kristin Chabot. In addition to thousands of students and brother Jesuits, Fr. Hauser is survived by sisters Mary Jo Nakashima, Ann Diliberti, and brother Joseph Hauser.

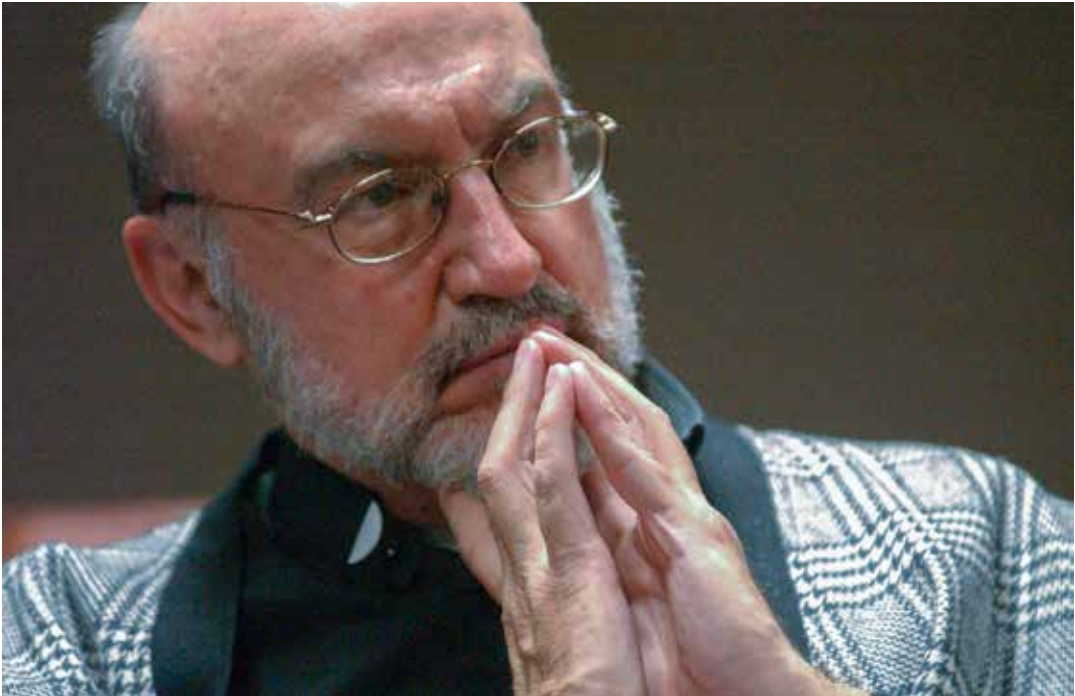
Asked about the candlelight Mass, in the context of the books, articles, appointments, programs and other pursuits, Fr. Hauser still pointed to what he began back in the dark, 43 years ago.

“I think what I will be remembered best for is the Mass I started back in 1975 and celebrated every Sunday night since then,” Fr. Hauser said. “I’d like the Candlelight Mass to be my legacy.”



*Dick enjoyed picnics in his brother Joe & Jeanne’s backyard.*





*In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.*

John 14: 2-4

A few weeks before Dick began home hospice, I asked him how his prayer was going, he replied, "Although I am at peace, in prayer I feel abandoned by God."

However, on Easter Sunday, when Dick and I shared Mass in his room, he told me that he was now filled with consolation and looked forward to dying — to what the Lord Jesus had prepared for him.

Don Doll, S.J.