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Fisher Remembers Father John Poluikis, C.S.B.

Fr. John Poluikis, who passed away on Monday, May 28, 2012, had the distinction of being the longest-serving Basilian priest at St. John Fisher College. He taught mathematics to Fisher students from every graduating class except the Pioneer Class of 1955.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Fr. Poluikis helped usher the College into the computer age. In the late 1950s, he was instrumental in having computers installed at Fisher for the purpose of course registration and class scheduling. He was quick to adopt the new technology as a useful tool in higher education.

In May 2000, Fr. Poluikis stopped teaching full-time at the College. However, he continued to tutor and teach part-time through spring 2009. In addition, he was one of the original members of the Catholic Heritage Committee of Fisher's Board of Trustees. And, until recently, Fr. Poluikis was one of several priests who celebrated mass at the Carmelite Monastery in Henrietta, NY.

At the College's 57th Commencement in May 2011, Fr. Poluikis was honored with the President's Medal for Contributions to St. John Fisher College and the Rochester Community.

Fr. Poluikis will be fondly remembered by scores of Fisher students, faculty, and staff. May he rest in peace.