

Father Gerald Guida, S.J.

[From a jubilee book, "RS OLS 1987", p116] Father Gerald John Guida was born in Denver May 18, 1913. His grandparents came from Naples and settled in the Denver area where they were members of the Mt. Carmel Church. Father Guida was educated by Mother Cabrini nuns. Two of his cousins became nuns under the Mother Cabrini Order. Sister Michelle, Father's sister, is a Mercy nun at Mercy Hospital.

He attended North Denver High School and Regis College where he received his vocation to become a Jesuit priest. He studied 13 years to be a priest and attended the seminary at St. Louis University. Father Guida has a master's degree in philosophy, a master's degree in theology, and a master's degree in physics and mathematics.

For 44 years Father Guida taught physics and mathematics. In addition to teaching, he did parish work. He gave retreats all over the country. He was a Newman chaplain at Mankato University at Mankato, Minnesota. Fourteen thousand students attended this university; 70 to 80 students converted to Catholicism every year.

Because his parents were loving and generous, he loves everyone. He feels parents are the greatest influence on young people." If you are going to be a good priest, you have to love everyone. They will respect you and love you back." Father likes to teach and he likes to use humor in his teaching because it keeps the attention of students or parishioners. Wherever he goes, he does God's work.

He feels the Rock Springs people are kind and generous; they love the Blessed Mother and they love the Rosary.