

**Father Gordon Mycue WØOTU - WØCFN \*1922 -2003\*** - Born in Woodville, MN an only son. Earned his amateur license as a freshman in high school. Holding dual calls, of New Hope MN, Gordon was revered by all who knew him and he urged everyone especially seniors at the proper time to consider short wave radio. "We should make use of the gifts God has given us," Look at the ionosphere, 100 miles high, It's invisible, like vitamins, the air we breathe, but God put it there so your radio receiver works on the frequencies that bounce off the layers of the ionosphere. We shouldn't waste the opportunity.

Father Gordon Mycue expired February 2003 at a convalescent home in Buffalo, Mn., of complications of diabetes. Fr. Mycue an only child, had no immediate survivors. WØOTU was age 80 years and he was a priest for 58 years. A pastor, inventor, hospital chaplain and broadcaster.



A lightning bolt turned the Rev G. Mycue from a career in radio to one in the priesthood. As a young man he worked for a number of radio stations in the twin cities doing everything from engineering to on air work at the mike.

The Rev's friend Vic Tedesco who met Mycue thru music said; "In the 40s Fr. Mycue played sax and clarinet in my band. He was the best musician in

our group of 12," Tedesco said. Gordon didn't serve in the military because of perforated ear drums said his care giver Pat Bento. Tedesco related sometime in the 40s Mycue had climbed a radio tower to do repairs. The tower was struck by lightning. So Father Mycue said "I'm gonna join the priesthood." (Probably received his ear damage from the tower incident.)

Fr. Mycue ordained in 1949, in addition to parish work, his technical skills didn't languish. He was assigned to work in radio and TV for the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Mpls. He left as director of the unit in 1971, when it became the Office of Communications.

Gordon was a inventor too, he developed the Aco-Lighter a battery powered lighter for church candles and designed a new confessional booth with advanced hearing aid equipment and automatic light fixtures. He set forth day care centers over the years and pre school training with others dedicated help. He taught code and radio skills in his parishes and built many of his friends short wave rigs. Credit to Bernard Casserly, Catholic Bulletin; Pat Bento; Trudi Hahn scripting from the Star tribune. QSL K8CX Gallery. Note; WØYZH was issued to Father Michael Yakobek of St Paul. The Chapel at St. Therese, New Hope MN is dedicated in honor of Father Gordon Mycue.