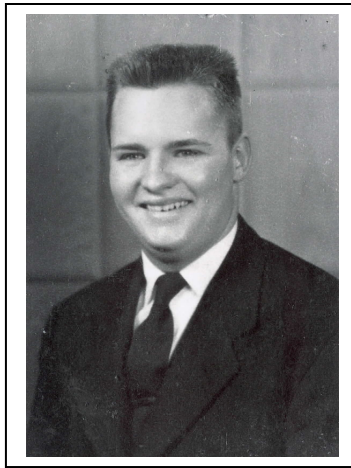


Peter J. Fleming, S.J.
Sacred Heart High School
Class of 1957



Pete was born October 24, 1939 to Florence Fleming. He had a younger brother Michael and a sister Linda. During his school years, Pete was active in school, church and community affairs. He was the best student in the class, and you can understand how he became a Jesuit, teacher and leader as an adult. In his later years his interests were gardening, sports, fine arts, dance and cooking.

Since Pete's life was dedicated to the church and to education, and since he is not here to write his biography, perhaps we can get a better understanding of his life by seeing which schools he attended, what he studied and what and who he taught. (Jerry Manriquez)

List of Schools and Curriculum

- 1957** – Graduated Sacred Heart High School, Boone, Iowa
- 1958** – Attended his first year of college at Creighton University, Omaha on an academic scholarship.
- 1958** – **August 17**, entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) at St. Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Missouri.
- 1960** – **August 22**, Took his vows
- 1960 -1962** Continued Classical studies in the Society of Jesus, Jesuit College, an affiliate of Marquette University. At the same time, he also served as Assistant Librarian in the Jesuit College, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota.
- 1962 - 1964** - B.A. in Philosophy from St. Louis University, Missouri
Philosophical Studies and degree work in English.
At the same time, he also served as Assistant Librarian in the College of Philosophy and Letters at St. Louis University, and did pastoral training with minority groups in St Louis, and was a teacher of religion at St. Francis Xaxier elementary School in St. Louis.
- 1965** - M.A. in English From St. Louis University.
- 1968** – Started Theological studies for the priesthood at Alma College, Los Gatos, CA
- 1968 – 1972 (June)** M.A. Masters of Sacred Theology. Graduate Theological Studies in the Society of Jesus included: Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, and affiliate of the University of Santa Clara. He had an important role in the establishment of the School of Theology at Berkeley.
- 1971 – April** – Ordained a deacon of the Roman Catholic Church.
- 1971 – Sept. 1** – Ordained to the Priesthood in the Society of Jesuits, at St. John's College Church, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska. Peter officiated at his

first mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Boone Iowa.

1971 – 1972 Post Graduate work in Language and Theology at Goethe Institute and the University of Berlin, Germany.

1987 – April - PhD in Theology/Church History from Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA His doctoral dissertation, “Chosen for China” documents the history of California Province Jesuits in China from 1928 through 1957.

Ministerial and Teaching History:

During his years of study and teaching, he did extensive writing and book reviews which have been published in the Catholic and secular press throughout the United States and Korea.

1965-1968 Creighton Preparatory High School (for Boys), Omaha, Nebraska

Teacher – English and French - and also moderated the Film Festival and taught film criticism.

Assistant Director of Development (1967-1968) and was active in various educational groups in Nebraska. He established the first Film Criticism Program in the state of Nebraska.

Received a NDEA grant in June 1968 to study Mandarin Chinese at San Francisco State College for eight weeks. The grant was sponsored by the federal government and was provided after competitive examinations and a submission of objectives.

1971-1974 Teacher of Theology and Minister –Jesuit School of Theology, Berkley CA

1971-1979 Spiritual Director and Director of Field Education –
Jesuit School of Theology, Berkley, CA

1981-1984 Visiting Professor of English – Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea

1987-1988 Visiting Professor of American Culture at Jiaotong University,
Shanghai, China.

1989-1991 Assistant Professor of Humanities – Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea

Pete returned to the Jesuit residence in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in January 1992 because of poor health. He was scheduled to go to Creighton University when his health returned, but passed away on December 17, 1994.

Pete told his family that he was not an easy instructor but that his students here in the US and in Korea had a good relationship with him and appreciated all he did for them.

