



Fr. Joseph Madden OFM Conv.

January 30, 1935 - April 23, 2019

Fr. Joseph Madden, OFM Conv., was born in Brighton, MA on January 30, 1935 and passed away on April 23, 2019. He was the son of the late Joseph and Maria (Hazell) Madden. In addition to his Franciscan family he leaves his sister Julie White of Littleton, CO.

Friar Joseph entered the Francis Friars Conventual Novitiate in Middleburgh, NY, on August 11, 1956. He professed his Temporary Vows on August 12, 1957 and his Solemn Vows on October 11, 1960. Father Joe was ordained to the priesthood in Immaculate Conception Cathedral, Albany, NY on May 26, 1962.

His first assignment was as a temporary assistant at St. Mary Church, Minoa, NY from 1962 to 1963. Fr. Joe was sent to study Spanish for six months in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Fr. Joe served three years in Costa Rica; first in the Novitiate in Alajuela, and also as a teacher in St. Francis college in Moravia until 1967. Returning to the United States, Fr. Joe became the Parochial Assistant at St. Mary Church, Nassau, NY from 1967 to 1970. The following years Fr. Joe lived a life of Franciscan itinerancy. He served as Parochial Assistant at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Camden, NJ from 1970-1973. In 1973 he moved to St. Francis High School Staten Island, NY and served as a teacher until 1975. He served for the next year as Chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Utica, NY.

Fr. Joe was assigned to St. Hyacinth College and Seminary from 1976 to 1978 while living at San Damiano (Postulant House) Friary in Holyoke, MA. In 1978 he was assigned as Assistant Pastor and later as Pastor of St. Joseph Church, Hoboken, NJ (1978-1985). He was then assigned on-loan to the St. Francis Custody of Canada from 1985-1997. Returning in 1997 to the United States Fr. Joe became the Pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston-Salem, NC where he remained for four years. In 2001 he was assigned to Our Lady of Guadalupe Friary, Pittsboro, NC and served as Pastor, Associate Pastor, and Administrator of St. Julia Church, in Silver City for many years. Feeling the burden of age in increased infirmity in the spring of 2018, Fr. Joe asked to be assigned to St. Hyacinth Friary, Chicopee, MA which is one of our Assisted Living Facilities. Later that year, Fr. Joe entered Our Lady of the Angels Care Center in Enfield, CT. Sister Death claimed him on April 22, 2019.

Fr. Joseph will lie in state at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel, 1315 Enfield St., Enfield, CT 06082, from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 25, 2019, with a Franciscan Wake Service at 7 P.M. On Friday, April 26, 2019, a Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11:00 A.M. in the Chapel with a viewing from 9 to 10:45 A.M. Interment will be in Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery, Albany, NY, in the Franciscan Friar's plot. Memorial Donations may be made to the Franciscan Education Burse, 12300 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery

Colonie, NY

Previous Events

Lie in State

APR **25**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Our Lady of the Angels Chapel
1315 Enfield St.
Enfield, CT

Service

APR **25**. 7:00 PM.

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Visitation

APR **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM.

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Mass

APR **26**. 11:00 AM.

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